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To William Petrie Esqr 1124 1.

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen, I have the honor to enclose Extract of a letter from his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon directed to the Collector of this Station, Col Martinz having effected the desired object and sent Nayalinga pilly under guard of a Naigue and four Sepoys. I request your Sanction to payment of Batta from their Journey there and back.-

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.-

Gentlemen, Your Most Obedient humble Servant

Ramnad
30 August 1799.

Signed Hy Grome
Acty Collr

Extract of a Letter from Frederick North Esqr Governor of Ceylon to Stephen Lushington Esqr Collector of Ramnad

A person named Nayalinga pilly, who kept the Accounts of the last Pearl Fishery is, I hear, at present at Ramnad. I will therefore take the liberty of requesting you, Sir, to be so good as to send him to me at Manar, with all possible expedition, as I wish to see him for Objects of the public Service.-

Should he be in the fort, which I believe

believe, is the case, I will request you Sir, to send the
inclosed to Colonel Martinz.—

A true Extract

Signed Hy Grame
Actg Collr

To the Honble Frederick North.—
Governor of the Island of Ceylon.—

Sir;

I am honoured with the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Instant directed to Mr Lushington, which the Circumstance of his absence at the Presidency, and my being intemporary charge of his employ pointed out the necessity of Opening.—

According to your request I delivered the inclosed letter to Col Martinz whose endeavour to effect the desired object I am exceedingly happy to know has met with Success.—

I have the honor to be
Sir With the greatest respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed Hy Grame
Actg Collr

Ramnad
30 Augt 1799

To Robert Hughes Esqr

Sir;

I have this morning at 5 O'Clock dispatched under a Naig and Six Sepoys Treasure &
the

the amount of 8000 Star Pagodas correspondent with the enclosed Invoice.- I have the honor to be;

Sir Your most Obedient hble Servt.

Ramnad
30th August 1799

Signed Hy Graeme
actg Collr

To George Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue.

Sir;

I herewith transmit Estimates of my probable receipts and disbursements for the ensuing month, shewing the balance of Cash actually on hand this day.- I have the honor to be;

Sir; Your most Obedient humble Servant.-

Ramnad
31st August 1799.

Signed Hy Graeme
actg Collr

To George Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Ramnad Accounts from the 1st to the 12 and from 13th to the 31st July 1799.- The quarterly Accounts from 1st May to 12th July 1799 and the annual Accounts required at the close of each fuzly year (agreeably to the Revenue regulations) as Per the accompanying

List.

Lists of the Packet. - I have the honor to be;

Sir, Your most Obedient humble Servant

Ramnad
31 Augt 1799. Signed Hy Graeme
Actg Collr

To George Read Esqr
Accountant to the Revenue Board

Sir, I have the honor to transmit herewith the Poligar Peshcush Accounts from 1st to 12th and from the 13 to the 31st of July 1799. with the quarterly accounts and the annual Accounts required at the close of each fusley year (agreeably to the Revenue Regulations) as p accompanying Lists of the Packet. -

So Soon as the Poligars Signatures are affixed to the Accounts Current it shall be forwarded to the Presidency. -

I have the honor to be;

Sir, Your most Obedt humble Servt

Ramnad
31st August 1799 Signed Hy Graeme. -
Actg Collr

To G. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, I herewith transmit a Register

of Bills received and forwarded in this month.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir; Your most Obedient Servant

Ramnad
31st Augt 1799

Signed Hy Grame acty Colltr

To Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster at Madura

Sir

I herewith transmit the pay and muster rolls of the Lascars of Tents for last month.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir; Your most Obedt Hble Servt

Ramnad
2d. September 1799

Signed Hy Grame acty Colltr

To Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster at Madura.—

Sir;

I beg leave to offer my thanks for your speedy compliance with my request to collect 400 Bullocks.

Notwithstanding the circumstances you relate in your letter of the 31st Ultimo I still am desirous to receive this number of Bullocks from you, as the few Cattle to be collected in this Province are in a famished Condition.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir; Your most Obedient Servant

Ramnad
2d. September 1799

(Signed) Hy Grame
Acty Colltr

To

To J. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith a bill for (6000) Six thousand Star Pagodas on Government, received from Mr B. Torin Resident at Tanjore on account of Cash advanced to him for the Southern disbursements.

I have the honor to be;
Sir;
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed Hy Græme
Acty Collr

Ramnad
2d September 1799.—

To Robert Woolf Esqr
Accountant General

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith a bill for the Sum of Six thousand Star Pagodas which I have this day forwarded to the Board of Revenue.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir;
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed Hy Græme
Acty Collr

Ramnad
2d September 1799

To Willm Robt Irwin Esqr
Acting Resident at Tanjore

Sir;

I have the pleasure to send a Sett of Bills for 10,000 Star Pagodas in favor of the Resident at

at Tanjore, this day received from the Madura Paymaster in return for which I request you will furnish me with your Bill on Government for the same amount in favor of the Collector of Ramnad.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your very Obedient Hble Servt
(Signed) Wy Græme.
Acty Collr

Ramnad
3d September 1799.

William Petrie Esqr
President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen.

I herewith transmit two Statements of demands Collections and Balances for last month agreeably to the 4th Article of the Revenue Regulations.—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen Your most Obedient humble Servant.—
Signed Wy Græme
Acty Collr

Ramnad
5 September 1799

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To Major Bannerman
Commanding the field detachment in the Ramnad district

Sir

On my arrival at Ramnad this morning Mr Græme delivered to me your letter of the 31st Ulto and translations of the proclamation altered agreeable to your suggestions— These alterations have my utter concurrence as they make the intentions of Government to punish those

those who have been refractory more clear, without im-
-plying that indemnity for the past can be obtained
by a seeming obedience at the moment when punish-
-ment is prepared for them. - According to your desire
I have this day dispatched one transcript of the pro-
-clamation to each Poligar. -

Mr. Grame has already dispatched from
Devipatam fourteen Garce of Rice to Vaypar, and I trust
the donies will arrive there on the 5th a similar quantity
will be sent with every possible expedition from the
northern Talooks to the same place, but I trust before
this latter supply can arrive that three fine Garce
donies from Negapatam, with a part of the Cargo
of the Princess Royal will have reached Vaypar. -

Every exertion shall be used to expediate the
supplies to be sent by the Madura and Ramnad
Bullocks to Shayelgoody - and I trust they will have
arrived there before you require them. - I have ordered
one thousand Sheep to be collected to accompany the
Escort from Shayelgoody. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Ramnad
5th September 1799.

(Signed) Hy Grame
Acty. Collr.

To Lt. Smith Comg officer of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to send Extract
of

of a letter from Government dated the 4th of July last; and request to be informed whether any and what impediment has arisen to the apprehension of Gopaul Kistnah, the late Tasildar of Sapatoor.—

Extract of a Letter from Government dated 4th July 1799.—

"We shall send the necessary orders to the officer Commanding at Madura for apprehending and delivering over to the Collector at Ramnad the person of Gopaul Kistnah, the late Tasildar of Sapatore."—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad
6th September 1799.

Your very Obedient Hble Servt
(Signed) S.R. Lushington
Collr

To Lieut. Turner.
Commanding detachment at Syalgoody of 2d Battalion 13th Regiment.

Sir,

Mr Grame has delivered to me your letter of the 5th Instant informing of your arrival at Syalgoody, and the purpose for which you was detached thither.—

Although every exertion will be used to forward the Supply of Rice which you are to escort to Major Bannerman I cannot precisely determine the time of its dispatch, in order however to prevent any inconvenience to your party from a long Stay at Syalgoody than you expect, I have directed the Amildar of Auberamam to convey to your

detachment

detachment a Supply of Thirty Cullums of Rice for which you will be pleased to give a receipt. -

I remain

Ramnad 6th September 1799. Sir your obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Colly

To Henry Grame Esqr.
Head assistant

Sir;

As the Princess Royal may be expected to arrive at Paumbum about the 12 instant you will be pleased to proceed thither and prepare for her arrival - For your information I inclose copy of my correspondence regarding her cargo, and you will thence observe that it is to be received by weight - The Bill of lading signed by Capt. Wedgeborough states the amount of rice to be in lbs 2073,571½; from this is to be deducted the quantity shipped on Donys from Negapatam, and which you will understand by reference to Captain Kingsmill, who engaged to superintend the weighing and delivery of it. -

If there be as many Donys at Paumbum as may be required for unloading the Ship I wish the rice which is in bags to be sent to Autrungerry Kilkarre and Vettimseum, and that which is in bulk to be landed at Paumbum - but if the Ship should reach Paumbum before the donys, it will be necessary first to Land eighty garce in bags, or bulk, according as the rice may be stowed. - The following is the distribution which at present is to be made of the Cargo.

To

To be Landed at Paumbaum and placed in the Granary there	}	Garce 80.
To be sent on Donys to Vallinocum		33.
To D° D° Kulkarre		40.
To D° D° Autunghery		20.
	Garce	173.

which is the probable quantity that will remain after that taken out at Negapatam — if there should be more you will land it at Paumbaum, if less you will diminish the quantity to be landed there in that degree.—

Captain Kingsmill will deliver to you the Companys Scales, and will explain whatever may be neces=sary to you in regard to the weighing of the Rice.—

The measures you have taken to secure the timely Collection of a Cargo of Salt for the owners of the Ship will I hope be successful; and as the Donis arrive the salt will be put on board the Princess Royal — but if there should be any unexpected delay, you will of Course Submit entirely to Captain Wedgeborough's decision on the expediency or otherwise of waiting the probable period of its arrival — This period your own inquiries at Paum=baum will best enable you to ascertain.—

If it should become necessary for you to leave Paumbaum, these instructions are to be delivered to Mr Kinloch.— I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed S. Lushington Collr

Ramnad
7th August 1799.—

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To Captain Widgeborough
Commander of the Princess Royal. –

Sir;

I have sent my head assistant Mr Grame to receive from you the Rice belonging to the Company laden on the Princess Royal and you will consider this Gentleman's receipt for the Cargo of the same Validity as my own. I have made every arrangement in my power to accelerate the delivery of the Rice, and the Shipment of the Salt, and to your wishes upon these points Mr Grame will give every proper attention – If the public Service should call Mr Grame from Paumbaum, Mr Kinlock who proceeds with him will act upon his instructions. –

I am,
Sir
Your very Obedient humt Servt
(Signed) S. Lushington
Collr

September 7th 1799.

To Lieut Tichborne

Sir;

Major Bannerman having found it necessary to call to his detachment the escort first appointed to convey the Rice and Provisions collecting in this district to Camp it seems to me that under present Circumstances your force will be best employed ensuring the safe arrival of the Supplies with the detachment. If therefore the general Spirit of your instructions from Major Bannerman leaves you at liberty

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to execute this Service; I recommend that you hold your party ready to join the convoy at such places as I may hereafter pointed out. I shall immediately Communicate a Copy of this letter to Major Bannerman, that if this requisition interfere with his arrangements it may be otherwise Ordered.—

I have the honor to be,

Ramnad
9th September 1799.

Sir
Your very Obedt Servant
Signed Stephen Lushington
Collr

To Major Bannerman
Commanding the field Detachment

Sir,
I have the honor to transmit for your Consideration Copy of a Requisition which I have this morning dispatched to Mr Tichborne — In consequence of your letter to Lieutenant Turner the Supplies are collecting at Cheekle, and I only wait the arrival of the bullocks from Madura to direct their movement towards you.—

I have the honor to be,

Ramnad
9th Sept 1799.

Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
Signed S. Lushington
Collr

To the Honble Frederick North
Governor of the Island of Ceylon.—

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge your Excellency's letter to Mr Grame of the 5th instant, and have much pleasure in informing you that the

the whole of the persons therein named have been Secured principally by Colonel Martinz – The Cad=jans and papers of Senu Chetty the Shroff I have now under examination, and whatever may regard the Pearl Fishery, or promise to Elucidate the transactions under your enquiry, shall be Sealed up, and forwarded with the guard tomorrow. – The person mentioned in your Excellency's letter of the 6th Instant I shall also endeavour to Secure with every possible expedition, and send him with his papers under a guard to Colombo. –

I have the honor to be with much respect. –

Ramnad
9 September 1799

Your Excellency's very
Obedt. faithful Servant
Signed S. Lushington
Collr.

To Frans. Alex Grant Esq.
Resident at Nagore

Sir,

As the distresses of the Inhabitants of this district are daily increasing in consequence of the Scarcity of Grain I beg leave to recommend that you accelerate the arrival of the Supplies expected from Nagore as much as possible. –

I am Sir
Your Obedient Hble Servt.
Signed S. Lushington
Collr.

Ramnad
11th Septembr. 1799

To Lieut. Elliot
Or Officer Commanding Palamcotta

Sir,

Finding no further Occasion for the Punjamahal for the party of Sepoys detached there some time ago from Palamcotta request that you will withdraw them so soon as convenient leaving 1 Havildar and 12 Sepoys.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedt. Servant
Signed S. Lushington Colls

Ramnad
12th September 1799

To J. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose Returns of Troops under the Commands of Colonel Martinz and Captain Oighton for last month. –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedt. Servant
Signed S. Lushington Colls

Ramnad
12th September 1799

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To William Petrie Esqr
President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Since my arrival at Ramnad greatest part of my time has been given to the

the collection of Supplies for Major Bannerman's
detachment; this object being completed, and having
received this morning intimation from that officer
that my presence will be useful with the detach=
=ment it is my intention to leave Ramnad this
Evening for Naglepore whence I shall have the
honor to relate to your Board such Circumstances
as may seem necessary for your information in
regard to Major Bannerman's past and future
Operations which the entire occupation of his time in taking advantage of events as they arose, has hitherto prevented his communi=
=cating to me.- In my Report upon the Sapatore
Pollam on the 5th May last I represented the ne=
=cessity of the appearance at my Cutcherry of
Gopaul Kistnah the late Tahsildar who had taken
refuge in the Madura Country the impossibility
to settle the accounts of the Pollam without him
and his refusal to comply with with two Sum=
=mons I had sent him, at the same time Sub=
=mitting to your Board the mode you might
consider most expedient for procuring his atten=
=dance.- The Extract of a letter from Govern=
=ment transcribed in your answer of the 6th
July informed me that the necessary order would
be given to secure Gopaul Kistnah but finding
on my return that he had not made his appear=
=ance here I addressed a letter of which I inclose
a Copy to the officer in Command at Madura
requesting

requesting to be informed whether any and what impediment had arisen to the apprehension of his person - The reply of that officer copy of which is also enclosed, informs me that he has received no instructions on the subject and that he understands Gopaul Kistnah is now at Trichinopoly.

As it is entirely impracticable to recover the balances of Rent, and to adjust the accounts of the Pollam until he appear I beg strongly to repeat my recommendation that immediate measures be adopted to secure his person and to compel his attendance at my Cutcherry. -

I have the honor to be with greatest respect. Gentlemen Your most obed^t hum^l Servt

Ramnad 13th Septem^r 1799. Signed S. Lushington Coll^r

To Major Bannerman

Commanding the Field Detachment in the Tinnevelly Province. -

Sir,

I have already had the honor to furnish you with copy of my address to the Board of Revenue of the 20th Ultimo recommending the assumption of the Pollams of Panjalamcourchy Naglopore Collarputty Cadalgoody and Collatoor and you have been pleased to inform me

that

that the result of every enquiry you have made ma=
=nifestly proves that neither obedience to the Company nor the tranquility of the Country can be expected from any other measure than the absolute Sequestration of these Pollams.

It would be highly Satisfactory if the peace of the Country, and public Justice demanded no other assumptions; but such has been the Conduct of the Poligar of Vilaurampanah that I should be wanting in an impartial discharge of my duty if from any motives of lenity towards him I forebore to point him out as a proper object of punishment.—

So long ago as the 21st of April last I was com=
=pelled in consequence of this Poligars refusal to pay his Kist, to his total inattention to the affairs of his Pollam and the grievous oppressions committed upon the Inhabitants to inform the Board of Revenue, that at a proper Season I would advise them regarding the measures which it was expedient to pursue towards him; from that time to the month of July he continued regardless of all his engagements to the Company and then instead of Shewing any disposition to return to his obedience; he had the temerity to join with Panjalamcourchy in the league against the Shivaghirry Poligar.—

These Circumstances I Submit for your Consideration and enquiry as well as the nature of the punish=
=ment which the Poligar ought to receive.—

I have the honor to be,

Camp Naglapore
15. Septemr. 1799.

Sir,
Your most Obed. humd. Servt.
Signed S. Lushington Colls

William Petrie Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Conformable with the intimation given

to

to you in my letter of the 13.th Instant I left Ramnad that Evening, and joined Major Bannerman's detachment yester=
=day, tomorrow I shall receive charge of the Pandalam=
=courchy and Nagtapore Countries, and as the most for=
=midable Obstacles to their proper regulation have been removed by the execution of Soobramany Pillay, the abandoned adviser of all Cottaboma Naig's Enormities and Sondara pandia Naigue, brother to the Poligar of Naglipore, and the leader of the party who perpetrated those horrid acts of desolation, fire and murder in the Villages of Gopaulporam and Arapahcottah detailed in my letter to you in the month of June last, I antici=
=pate the early return of the alarmed inhabitants and the establishment of Peace in these and many of the Surroun=
=ding Pollams. —

The Poligar of Naglipore is a close prisoner in the Fort, and will be sent to the Presi=
=dency as soon as a Sufficient Escort can be spared from the detachment; the troops appeared before this place on the 9.th and the Poligar soon after Major Bannerman's arrival came in and Surrendered himself to the Company's authority. —

I have much satisfaction in informing you that the Poligar of Etiapoor has conducted himself with singular zeal in complying with Major Bannerman's instructions; he pursued Cottaboma Naig with so much rapidity that it was with the utmost difficulty he escaped with six persons who like himself, were mounted on horses to the Ancoor Nauds — Thirty four of his principal dependents, among whom was Soobramany pilly and his brother were seized, and

and are now imprisoned in this Fort.—

It will of course be one of my first objects in receiving charge of the Panjalamcourchy and Naglipore Countries to ascertain where the property of the two Poligars, of Soobramonia pilly and Soundara Pandea Naig are Secreted, and I shall report to you from time to time the progress of my endeavours for this purpose.— I have the honor to be with greatest Respect.—

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

Camp
Naglipore 15 Septr. 1799 Signed S: Lushington Collr.

To John Kenworthy Esqr.
Commercial Resident at Palamcottah

Sir,

I transmit for your information translate of a declaration given by one of the Shrogars of the Naglapore man, in the course of my examinations regarding the property of that Poligar— If Mootoo Sawmy Iyer, be a gomastah in your Service, it is unnecessary to suggest to you the expediency of immediately Securing his person and property, in order that if he shall be proved to have been guilty of the improper Conduct imputed to him, an adequate punishment may be inflicted— as I have much reason to Suspect that Schemes are in agitation to carry off the property of the Poligar of Naglipore you will feel with me the necessity of using every possible Secrecy and expedition in Securing Mootoo Samy Iyer and his Effects.—

I have the honor to be,

Camp at Naglipore Sir,
17th September 1799.— Your most Obedient humble Servant
Signed S: Lushington
Collr.
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To Mr. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector at Dindigul

Sir;

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 15. Instant respecting the assistance given by the Yailmurra Poligar to Nella Naoo Poojary Naigue, his inattention to my Orders forbidding such assistance, and requesting that your Peons may be allowed to follow him into the Yailmurra Pollam, and seize him in any manner they can.— As the measures which are now in progress in regard to the Tinnevelly Poligars promise to make them more cautious hereafter in disobeying my orders, and as it is necessary to the success of those measures that the Confidence of the whole of the Western Poligars in the assurances which have been given them be not in any degree shaken by any acts of Violence in either Pollams I recommend that none of your people enter the Yailmurra Pollam at least for the present, and I shall take the most effectual measures in my power for securing that Poligars attention to my former Orders regarding Poojary Naigue.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr.

18th. September 1799.

To I. A. Travers Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose first of a set of bills on the Governor General in Council for 5000 Star Pagodas advanced to the Resident at Tanjore on account of the Southern disbursements in the current month.—

I have the honor to be;
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr.

Naglepore Pollam
18 September 1799.

To Robert Woolf Esqr.
Accountant General

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose Copy of the first of a set of bills on the Governor General in Council received from the Resident at Tanjore on account of 5000 Star Pagodas. —

advanced

advanced to him, and this day forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue. -

I have the honor to be;

Sir; Your most Obedient humble Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr

Naglipore Pollam
18th September 1799.

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To Major Bannerman

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant and its Enclosure. -

Having already stated to you my opinion that no measure short of the absolute assumption of the Pollams of Panjalamcourchy Naglapore, Collarpetty, Tellaicumpunnay Cavalgoody and Collatoor, could secure the future peace of these particular Countries, or afford a prospect of Obedience to the Company's authority from the Poligars in general, or a rational hope of Success in the arrangements which you have yet to accomplish, it would be superfluous to dwell any further upon the indispensable necessity of these Sequestrations. - In the manage=ment of these Pollams I apprehend little difficulty, for the inha=bitants well know how to contrast the oppressions of a Poli=gar Management with the mild Character of the Company's Government. - indeed, it will be Satisfactory to you to know that such of the Inhabitants as I have yet seen, have express'd much gratitude that they have at length been brought under the Company's immediate protection. -

The offer which you are pleased to make of a cordial Cooperation in any further measures by which the important Service in which we are engaged can be promoted, can only be answered by an assurance that the steps you have yourself taken, and the Judicious explanations by which they have been accompanied leave me nothing at present to recommend or wish - To the officers whom you have appointed to receive the arms of the Inhabitants I shall give every information that can be procured; and I shall use every exertion in my power in settling the assumed Countries, that I may be enabled to join your detach=ment at Nytar at a very early day. - I have the honor to be;

Sir; Your Obedt. humble Servant
Sd. S. Lushington Collr

Camp at Naglepore
19th September 1799. -

William Petrie Esq.
President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue.—

Gentlemen;

I have the honor to transmit to you Copies of a letter and Proclamation, received from Major Bannerman, and transcript of my reply. These Papers convey full information of the measures adopted since the date of my last address, and as the whole of my time is at present employed in arranging the Sequestered Countries, I beg that your Board will be pleased to excuse any more particular relation at this moment.—

I have the honor to be, with greatest respect.—

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.

Nagapore
19th September 1799.

To Captain Wedgeborough.

Dear Sir;

Every moment of my time is at present so fully Occupied that it is not in my power to reply to your letter informing me of your determination to return to Negapatam. There is now no alternative but to send the rice hither on donies as fast as possible.—

The Box of Jewells which I delivered saying I beg the favor of you to commit to the care of Mr. Wallace Senior at Negapatam.—

Yours very Obediently
Camp at Nagapore 21st Septemb. 1799. Signed S. Lushington Coll.

To Captain Wedgborough; of the Ship Princess Royal

Sir;

I am favored with your letter of the 13th Instant apprizing me that you have judged it for the interest of the owners of the Princess Royal to relinquish the intention of conveying the Company's rice to Paumbum and to return to Negapatam, whence it will be sent on Donies to such places as I may point out— This delay in the arrival of the rice I am concerned to inform you may be of very prejudicial consequence; but I trust that your diligence in unlading it, united to Captain Kingsmills exertions in dispatching the donies, will lessen this part of the Evil

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as far as possible – The additional Expence which will be incurred by sending the Rice hither on Donies is the least important matter for Consideration, for doubtless your owners will Chearfully pay it – It is the wastage and plunder of it during the time of transferring it to the Donies, and after it has been dispatched, from which I fear the greatest disappointment; and I am anxious to know in what manner you propose to adjust any Loss that may arise under these heads. –

The Estimate given by Capt. Kingsmill of the probable amount of the Expence of Donies from Negapatam Compared to that which he conceives would have been incurred for Boats at Paumbum I am sure he will already have discovered to be erronious – The whole amount of Boat hire would according to my Estimation not have exceeded 100 Pagodas and if the Donies upon which it may now be sent to Devipatam (whither I wish the whole to be dispatched) be large about half of that amount will still be incurred – – adverting to this Circumstance and especially the high freight agreed to be paid to the owners of the Princess Royal, in order to save the wastage which always arises in removing and transhipping Grain, I have no doubt they will feel it intirely equitable that the whole Expence of Donies from Negapatam deducting the difference of expence in landing Rice from a Ship at Paumbum, and a Doney at Devipatam be defrayed by them: Considering that their Objects two fold of obtaining a Cargo of Salt and of the Ship leaving the Coast before the Monsoon will be certainly accomplished by the measure which you have adopted, there can be no doubt of their full approbation of it. – I remain

Sir

22 September 1799. Your very Obedient Servant

Signed S: Lushington Colly

To William Petrie Esqr.

President & Ca. Members of the Board of Revenue: –

Gentlemen;

Having established a proper Cutcherry in this Country Conversed with the head Inhabitants of every Village respecting the Causes which Compelled the Poligars removal, and having encouraged

encouraged them to commence their Cultivation assured of receiving their just Shares, it is my intention to proceed this Evening to Panjalumcourchy, where my Servants have already taken Charge of the Country - at a future day, I shall Submit to you the establishments of Servants for this and the other Sequestered Pollams; to Save expence I have arranged the Superintendance of them thus - Panjalumcourchy and Collatoor, one Tahsildar &c.a, Naglepore and Cadulgoody one Tahsildar &c.a Colarpetty and Yellarum punny one Tahsildar &c.a

The Poligars of Naglepore and Yellarum punny and their two Managers, the Son of the Collatoor Poligar and his Manager, Mosply Vanian the Shiungherry Incendiary and Mosple Naig the vicious adviser under a Strong Escort to the Presidency tomorrow Morning.

I take this Occasion of transmitting to you Copy of a letter from the Captain of the Princess Royal advising me of his intention to return to Negapatam, together with Copy of my reply. -

Mr. Hardis having addressed your Board regarding the Tailmurra Poligar, I think it necessary to transmit Copy of a letter from him and of my reply on the Subject. -

I have the honor to be, with greatest respect. - Gentlemen

Naglepore Pollam
22 September 1799. -

Your most Obed.t hum.l Servant
Signed S: Lushington Coll.r

Mr. Baxter

Sir;

Having received no official information of the authority by which you reside at Manapar, it is impossible for me to grant the Passport you Solicit. -

I am Sir

Naglepore.
23 Septem.r 1799 -

Your most Obed.t Servant
Signed S. Lushington
Coll.r

To His Excellency Frederick North
Governor of Ceylon

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that the person

person of Cawder Sahib has been Secured and sent to me by the Sheliguenga Sherogar but he has failed to execute the other part of my instructions of Seizing his Papers and Cadjans I have written to the Sherogar for an explanation of this in=
=attention and hope it may be yet in my power to comply with your Excellency's desire. hitherto it has not been Customary to interfere in the internal affairs of the Pollams or I would have sent my own guards to Seize Cawder Saibs person and Papers and thus have obviated the Chance of failure neither.–

The public Service having called me to the interior districts of this Collectorship and having no assistant at Ramnad it is my intention to send Copy of your Excellency's letter to me of the 15 instant to Colonel Martinz with that addressed to himself and he will doubtless take immediate measures for Securing the person and writings of Permaul Naig who will be Sent with the guard which Conveys Cawder Saib to Ceylon.–

I have the honor to be,

Camp in
Naglepore 23d Sept 1799.

Your Excellency's most
Obed humble Servant
Sd. S. Lushington
Collr

To Captain Davison
Commanding officer at Tutacoryn.

Sir,

It having been Ordered by Government that Mssrs Vanspalls, Ide, Gratau and Abrecht Should proceed to the Presidency, Communication was Some time ago made to them of this determination, and the master attendant at Tutacoryn has now been requested to engage a Doney for Conveying them thither.– You will be pleased to intimate to these Gentlemen when the Vessel is ready to Sail that they may immediately Embark.– I have the honor to be

Sir,

Panjalancourchy
25 Septemr 1799.

Your most Obed Servants
Signed S. Lushington Collr

to Messrs. Vanspall and Ide.-
Dutch Civil Servants at Tutacoryn

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Gentlemen,

You have already been apprized that it was the Order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that you should proceed to the Presidency, I am now to inform you that the Master attendant at Tutacoryn has been directed to hire a Vessel for conveying you thither, and you will accordingly Embark whenever Captain Davison may intimate to you that she is ready to Sail.-

I am,
Gentlemen

Panjalamcourchy
25 Septemr. 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr.

The Same to Messrs. Gratian and Albrecht, Manapara.

To Mr. Baggott
Master attendant at Tutacoryn

Sir,

It being the Order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that Messrs. Vanspalls, Ide, Gratian and Albrecht be sent to the Presidency you will be pleased immediately to engage a Vessel to convey them thither - and inform Captain Davison when she is ready to Sail - you will be as attentive to Oeconomy as possible in making the Engagement and report to me the terms of it.-

I am,
Sir

Panjalamcourchy
25 Septemr. 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr.

To Geo: Read Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Poligar Peishcush Accounts for last month together with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeable to the accompanying list of the Packet.

I have the honor to be Sir

Ramnad 25 Sept. 1799.

Your most Obedt. humbl. Servt.
Sd. S. Lushington Collr.

To Geo: Read Esqr

Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Ramnad Accounts for last month together with the Vouchers apper=
=taining thereto agreeably to the Accompanying List of the Packet.-

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad
25 Septemr 1799

Your most Obedient Servant
Sd S. Lushington Collr

To Lieut Bower

Commanding at Panjalamcourchy

Sir,

I request that you will be pleased to furnish for the protection of my Amildars Cutcherry a guard of thirty firelock - I have given him the most particular instructions to use every possible Activity in discovering and delivering to you the weapons interdicted in the Proclamation and to attend to whatever Suggestions you may make to him for Accomplishing this object.-

I have the honor to be

Kytar 25 Sepr 1799 Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
Sd S. Lushington Collr

To John Kenworthy Esqr

Commercial Resident at Palamcottah.-

Sir,

On receipt of your letter of the 23d Instant I dispatched to Naglipore an order for Moolao Sawmy Iyens Attendance at this place, and on his arrival will permit to Kolundey Velloo Pilly the access necessary to examine his Accounts relating to the employment he held in the Companys Service.-

I have the honor to be

Kytar 27 Sepr
1799

Sir

Your most Obedt Humle Servt
Sd S Lushington Collr

To Mr. Peter Vanspall
at Tutacoryn

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Sir;

I have this day received your letter of the 25 Inst. and in Compliance with your request that your departure to Madras may be in any other way but by Sea. I permit you to proceed by land whenever Captain Davison, of whom I have requested a guard to Escort you, may direct. This permission is also granted to Messrs. Vanspall Junior Ide, and Albracht and in order to defray the Expences of the Journey, they, as well as you, will receive from Captain Davison fifteen Pagodas each by my desire and your October allowances in advance.—

As Mr. Gratian who will accompany you does not receive any monthly allowance from Governt. I have begged of Captain Davison to grant him 20 Ps. No. on my account, and he will receive this Sum &c accordingly.—

I am,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Sd. S. Lushington. Colls.

Nytar
27th September 1799.

To William Petrie Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

In conformity with the intimation given in my letter of the 22d. Instant I proceeded that Evening to Panjalumcourchy; in my way thither I passed through a considerable part of the Pollam and observed with great Satisfaction that the Ryotts were every where busy in their Cultivation - they received me at every Village through which I passed, though attended only by two Peons, with the greatest respect, and testified a Joy, at the Sequestration of the Pollam, which far exceeded even my own Sanguine Expectations - now the resolution in their minds is so complete that the Peons who Served the Poligar are afraid to return amongst them, unless they

they have previously received a public Cowle of Protection. —

A Fever which attacked me at Panjalumcourchy compelled me to leave it earlier than I had at first intended, but this has been of no Consequence to the Public Service, as the peaceable disposition of the Inhabitants accelerated every measure that it was necessary to adopt. — During my Stay at Panjalumcourchy, I deputed my head Assistant Mr Greme to Tilavrum punny to tranquilize the minds of the Inhabitants there and to explain the Proclamation to them; he joined me this morning at Kytar and I have the Satisfaction to refer you to an inclosed Copy of a letter from him for information of the State of those Countries: Nearly the whole of the western Poligars are assembled here, and some progress has already been made in explaining the future intentions of Government in regard to them. I beg therefore to be furnished with Orders upon my Report of the 20 of August with every possible expedition. —

As the Superintendence of the Sequestered districts and of the new System amongst the Poligars in general will augment the business of this Station in a very great degree, I am impelled by motives of public duty as well as a regard to my own Character and health to recommend that the Manapara Poligars may be placed under the Collector of Dindigul — Their distance from Ramnad (and they are yet further from Palamcottah where I may perhaps hereafter find it expedient to fix my general Residence) I have constantly found an insuperable impediment to a proper Superintendence of them, whilst their Vicinity to Dindigul would enable the Collector there to controul them with that promptitude and energy which they particularly require — If your Board approve of this Suggestion, I recommend that it may be immediately Submitted to his Lordship in Council as the Settlement of the Succession in the Nuttum Pollam requires to be, and cannot be otherwise arranged by the investigation of Some Gentleman on the Spot. — I have the honor to be, with great Respect — Gentlemen

I am most Obedient humble Servt
Sd. S. Lushington Collr

Kytar 27 Septemr 1799. —

To Lieut Power
Commanding a Detachment at Panjalamcourchy
Sir,

I request you will Send, with the greatest possible expedition, under Escort of a Naig and Six, the former Killidar of the Fort of Panjalamcourchy in the Service of Cattaboma Naig.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
Sd. S. Lushington Coll.r

Kytar
28th Septem.r 1799.

to Major Bannerman
Commanding the field detachment in the Tinnevelly Province.—
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Instant and of the Jewels therein mentioned, according to the list Signed by Mr. Geo Hughes and Lieut. Knowles.

Entirely concurring in the Sentiments you have expressed in regard to the relations of Cattaboma Naig, I beg leave to Recommend that the male part of his family may be sent for the present to Palamcottah.—

I will Order Separate Accounts to be kept of the property described in your letter.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedient humble Servt.
Sd. S. Lushington Coll.r

Kytar
29th Septem.r 1799.

William Petrie Esqr.
President &c.a Members of the Board of Revenue.—

Gentlemen

I have Singular Satisfaction in Submitting to you the enclosed Correspondence with Rajah Vizia Rago=nand Tondiman— The moment I heard of Cattaboma Naig's evacuation of his Fort I dispatched my letter of the 8th Septem.r to Tondiman, and having on every former instance

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wherein I had thought it for the good of the public Service to address him received every token of his attachment to the Companys Government I looked with Confidence to his zealous exertions on this Occasion. The result proves that Confi=dence to have been well placed, and the Seizure of Cotta=bomma Naig, his brother, two Brothers in Law, and three principal Sheragars, (the whole party who escaped the pursuit of the Ettiapore Poligar) entitles Tondiman to the highest Commendation.—

The beneficial consequences of the Event will not be confined to the Panjalamcourchy district, where all my arrangements are proceeding undisturbed, but the other Poligars, seeing that there is no Safety for them even in flight, will be the more inclined to a due obedience— Indeed in whatever point of View it be considered the Service which Tondiman has performed is of highest importance, and I therefore take the liberty to Suggest that I may be permitted to present him in the Companys name with Such mark of his Lordships appro=bation as he may be considered to have deserved.—

Having Consulted with Major Bannerman upon the receipt of Tondimans letters we determined that in whatever way Cottabomma Naig and his adherents may be hereafter disposed of it is expedient that he should first return here, and I have therefore desired Tondiman to Send him with all practica=ble dispatch to Madura, where a party will be in rea=diness to receive and Conduct him to the detachment.— I think it proper to remind your Board that two years have Elapsed Since the Pearl Banks off Tuticoryn were examined and that the Season of the year most proper for the examination is nearly at hand; I shall therefore unless I receive different orders from you to depute my head Assistant Mr. Grame on this Service under Such instructions as may Seem necessary— I have obtained a very good Map of the different Banks of Pearls and this will of course be Mr. Grames principal guide in the Examination.—

The Chank of Tuticoryn it is indispensible on account of the Pearl fishery to retain under Amany &

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it was so profitable by this mode of management last year that I feel no inclination to recommend a change.-

I have the honor to be, with greatest respect, Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t hum.e Serv.t

Kytar 29th Septem.r 1799. Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

To Rajah Vigea Ragonada Toudiman.-

You will doubtless have heard of the determination of the Right Hon.ble the Governor General to inflict that punishment upon the Poligar of Panjalamcourchy which his Crimes and disobedience have long merited- In pursuance of this resolution Major Bannerman was assembling the troops necessary for this purpose but before they could all join him Cottaboma Naig evacuated the fort of Panjalamcourchy with Soobrymony pilly and other of his followers and professes to be flying towards your Country.- As it is highly desirable to secure his person as soon as possible, I have no doubt that you will exert yourself for this purpose, and it will afford me much pleasure to report to his Lordship that you have performed this acceptable Service.-

The Poligar of Naglepore is also represented to have fled towards your Boundaries and in such case the seizure of his person may be easily accomplished by you.- Your immediate exertions on this Occasion will be considered the most satisfactory proof of your obedience and attachment to the Company's Government.-

Ramnad 8th Septem.r 1799. Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

Translation of a letter from Rajah Vigia Ragonaud Toudiman Bahauder- dated 14th September received 19th 1799. to M.r Lushington Collector of Poligar Peshcush.-

After Compliments-

Your favorable letter informing me that Cottaboma Naig, and the Poligar of Naglepore having rebelled against the Hon.ble Company, a detachment had marched

marched against their Pollams from whence they had fled, and desiring that in case they came towards my Boundary I would secure them arrived in happy season. - This mark of your remembrance of my attachment in the Company's affairs has given me more pleasure than I can express. -

What is there to me so good as the Service of the Company; it is fit for me by zeal and diligence to obtain their favor - From the beginning I have been attached to the Company, my allegiance towards them is the primary object of my life - Heretofore, I sent 5000 Sheep to Colonel Brown for the purposes of the War against Tippoo, and two thousand Peons with confidential leaders were appointed to conduct them with Colonel Brown to Seringapatam; the fidelity with which they acted will doubtless have been made known to you. -

The moment I received your agreeable letter I dispatched different parties to the boundaries of my Country - they are as vigilant as possible - by the blessing of god, if those Poligars approach my limits, my attachment and fidelity will be made known. -

In the Temple of the Almighty it is my first prayer that in whatever affair the Company may be pleased to employ me, I may (if it be necessary) make an offering of my life, and establish a good Name. - What more can be written - May your friendship for me increase.

a true Translation

Signed S. Lushington Colls

Translation of a letter from Rajah Vigia Ragonaud Tondiman - dated 16th Septemb. Received 26th. -

After Compliments

I before dispatched a letter in answer to your agreeable favor desiring me to place guards upon my boundaries to seize Cattaboma Naig, from that letter and the bearer of it the particulars will have been known to you. To this time the different parties are posted on the Boundaries, but intelligence has been received that the Poligars have fled by a different route - Whether to keep the guards

Stationed

Stationed some time longer or to withdraw them you will be pleased to write to me, and accordingly I shall do. In every respect I am the wellwisher of the Company – their business and Service are to me the primary objects – Considering me one of your own people you will favor me with friendship from the heart. – What more can be written. –

May your kindness towards me ever increase. –

true translation

Signed S Lushington Colls

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To Rajah Vigia Ragonauda Tondiman. –

Your letter of the 16th September requesting to know whether the guards that had been Stationed by you on your own boundaries to Seize Cottaboma naig and the Poligar of Cadalgoody Should be continued or withdrawn, having arrived has given me much Satisfaction. –

The exertion of your Zeal in this affair will be particularly acceptable to Government, and to me; – Those Poligars have fled to Aniaor, therefore it is not necessary any longer to keep guards on your Southern limits, but on the western and Northern Boundary it will be proper to Continue them So that they may not escape by those routes. –

May your prosperity and happiness Encrease. –

Nytar 26 Septemr 1799. a true Copy Signed S Lushington Colls

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Translation of a letter from Rajah Vigia Ragonaud Tondiman – dated 24th September 1799 recd 29 in the morning

I before dispatched a letter to you intimating that I had Stationed guards in different places to Seize Cotta-boma Naig &c. – On every occasion I am ready with my life to Serve the Company – their Service is the essence of my existence. –

On every Side in the Mountains and on the Hills I had placed people to find out the hiding place of that Enemy Cottaboma Naig; by the blessing of god, the prosperity of the Company, and my own good fortune, he, with his dumb brother, two mothers in law (should be written brothers in law) and three other people, altogether Seven

Seven persons, having been discovered in the Jungle of the Village of Kalinpoor in the Shunguuga Talook, which Jungle is to the Westward of Teracullumboor in my Country I last night Sent my Troops thither and after having Surrounded him with much Caution and exertion the whole party were taken.– Cottaboma Naig at the time he was Seized wished to have Slain himself, but my people having bound his hands kept him in Confinement – the particulars of this Poligar are well known to you – to keep him in Safety one day is extremely difficult – he is without hope of his life – whatever may be written by you shall be executed – I am waiting for an answer – May your friendship for me Encrease.–

A true translation
Signed S. Lushington Coll

To Rajah Vijia Ragonauda Tondiman.–
dated 29th September 1799.
After Compliments

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Your letter of the 24th September informing me of the Seizure of the Rebel Cotaboma Naig, his Dumb Brother, his two brothers in Law, and three other persons arrived at the very moment when I expected this mark of your fidelity – the Satisfaction which it has given me cannot be expressed.– Certainly this event has proceeded "from the blessing of God and the prosperity of the Company" but it is at the Same time an acceptable proof of your Zeal and good understanding, and will be a foundation for continuing the Companys protection to you – I shall have great Satisfaction in reporting this Circumstance to his Lordship in Council, So that you may receive the benefit of it –

It is proper for you, my friend on the instant of receiving this letter to send Cotaboma Naig, with the Six persons taken with him effectually Secured to Lieut Smyth Commandant of Madura – where Major Bannerman will raise a party to take charge of them – The peons whom you before Stationed in your Country may now be withdrawn

What more can be written?
true Copies & translations – Signed S. Lushington Coll

To Benjamin Torin Esqr
Resident at Tanjore. -

Sir,

Since Cottaboma Naigs evacuation of the Fort of Panjalumcourchy, I have carried on a Correspondence with Vizia Ragonauda Tondiman relative to his seizure, and have had the Satisfaction to receive a letter from him this Morning informing me: that the Guards which at my request he had posted on the frontier of his Country have succeeded in securing this Poligar and the whole of his Attendants. - As a communication of this intelligence has I understand been made to you by Tondiman, and as neither Major Bannerman or myself have heard from you on the Subject, we conceive it probable that you may have referred it to your Lordship in Council, and have desired Tondiman to keep Cotaboma Naig &ca in Confinement until you may inform him in what manner he is to be disposed of. -

As Major Bannermans instructions in regard to Cotaboma Naig are final and Complete, it has been judged necessary to desire Tondiman will send him with every possible expedition and Safety to Madura where a party will be stationed to convey him to the Detachment. I request therefore as well in my own as in Major Bannermans name, that if you should have given any instructions to Tondiman of a different nature that you will be pleased to recall them; as it is of the highest importance to the Success of the Service now in progress in these districts, that no time be lost in Cotaboma Naigs arrival here. -

I have the honor to be;
Sir

Kytoo 29th Septr
1799. -

Your most Obed humle Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir; The native officer who delivers this letter to

to you; is in Charge of the guard which Escorts Mess.rs Vanspalls and Ide, dutch Civil Servants of Tutacoryn to the Presidency:-

I have the honor to be;

Sir,

Panjalumcourchy 30th Septemb.r 1799.

Your very Obed.t humble Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

To Lieut. Tichborne
Commanding Nazlepore

Sir;

I request you will dispatch to this place with the least possible delay, the two Sumprudies from Panjalumcourchy of the names of Moorgapah and Soobramony with Veerabudra pilla brother to the late Soobramonya pilly under the Escort you may deem Sufficient for the Security of their persons on the road.—

I am;

Kytar 30th Sept.r 1799.

Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

To. J. B. Travers Esq.r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.—

Sir;

I have the pleasure to send by a Havildar and Eight Sepoys ten thousand Porto Novo Pagodas - These you will be pleased to have converted into Rupees at the Current Exchange and purchase with the Rupees Bank Notes - The Bank Notes are to be given in payment for the freight of the Princess Royal and her Cargo to the Gentlemen who had my engagements on those Accounts

I have the honor to be;

Sir,

Kytar 30th Sept.r 1799.

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

To Thompson Esq.r
Resident at Nagore.—

Sir;

I request you will inform me of the

the whole amount advanced by you on account of the Cargo of the Princess Royal as I am desirous to reimburse you as Soon as possible.-

I am,

Sir,

Kytar 30. Septemr 1799.

Your most Obedt Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr

To J. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I herewith transmit a Register of Bills received and forwarded in this month.- I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad
30. Septemr 1799.

Your most Obedt humle Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr

To Geo. Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I herewith transmit Estimate of my Probable Receipts and Disbursements for the ensuing month, Shewing the balance of Cash Actually on hand this day.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad
30. Septemr 1799.

Your most Obedt Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr

Messrs Gratian and Albracht
Dutch Civil Servants at Manapara

Gentlemen,

A Consideration for your Circumstances and Cha=racters induces me to take upon myself the responsibility of permitting you to remain at Manapara for the present.

I am,

Gentlemen

Kytar 1st Octr 1799

Your Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington
Collr

To Captain Davison
Commanding at Tutacoryn

Sir;

I request that you will consider Mess.rs Gratian and Albracht at liberty to remain at Manapara until further Orders; -

I am,
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

Kytar 1.st Oct.r 1799.

To, Lieu.t Bower,
Commanding Officer at Panjalumcourchy

Sir;

In addition to the thirty Men you have already furnished for the protection of my Tahsildars Cutcherry I am under the necessity of requesting from you the further Aid of thirty firelocks to be Stationed at different principal Villages in the district.

I am,
Sir
Your very Obedient hum.l Serv.t
Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

Kytar 1 Oct.r 1799.

To Col: Martinz
Commanding at Ramnad

Sir;

The fort of Ramnad having been appointed as the place of Confinement for the Poligar of Collatoor, you will be pleased to receive charge of his person from the guard which delivers this letter to you -

I have the honor to be;
Sir,
Your very Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.r

Kytar 2.d Oct.r 1799.

To Col. Martinz
Commanding at Ramnad

Sir;

The fort of Ramnad having been appointed
as

as the place of Confinement for the Poligar of Calarputty you will be pleased to receive Charge of his person from the guard which delivers this letter to you.—

I have the honor to be,

Kytar
2 October 1799.

Sir;

Your very Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.

To Lt. Thomas Tichborne
Commanding at Naglepore

Sir;

The fort of Ramnad being the place appointed for the Confinement of the Poligar of Calarputty you will be pleased to send him thither under Sufficient guard to Col Martinz with the inclosed letter.—

I have the honor to be.

Kytar
2d October 1799.—

Sir;

Your most Obed Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll.

Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster Madura

Sir;

I herewith transmit the pay and muster Rolls of the Lascars of Tents for each month

I have the honor to be;

Ramnad
5th October 1799.—

Sir

Your mt. Obed humb. Servt.
Signed S. Lushington Coll.

To Captain Dawson
Commandant at Tuticoryn

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 4th Instant inclosing a Petition from Messrs Vanspalls and Ide, requesting that the Order for their proceeding to Madras may be Countermanded - Upon their Solicitation you Remark that either in a public or private View you conceive them equally deserving of indulgence with the other Gentlemen (Messrs Gratian & Albrechts) the reasons which have inclined me to a very diffe=rent Opinion will be stated to Government and I have therefore only to request that Messrs Van=spalls and Ide may proceed immediately to the Presidency.-

The Enclosed letter you will be pleased to desire the Native Officer of the Guard to deliver to Mr Secretary Webbe.-

I have the honor to be;
Sir;
Your very Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr

Ramnad
5th October 1799

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir;

You will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the Governor in Council that Messrs Vanspalls and Ide, dutch Civil Servants of Tuticoryn will leave that place for the Presidency tomorrow - Upon reference to the Report which I made upon the European foreigners residing under this Collection it will be observed that Messrs Gratian and Albrecht were also mentioned as persons whom it would be proper to remove from these Countries; but as their general Characters are not so exceptionable as I once thought them as no obstruction to the Pearl fishery is to be apprehended from them, and as they are both at present heavily pressed by private and domestic misfortunes which would be severely

aggravated

aggravated by their removal at this period, I have taken upon myself to authorize their remaining at Munaparia until the Monsoon has passed, or until I receive from you different instructions.—

For travelling Expences I have found it necessary to advance to Messrs. Vanspall and Ide their allowances for October and fifteen Pagodas each; I beg to be informed whether this latter Sum is to be entered in my Accounts as a distinct Charge of the dutch Civil Establishment or to be deducted from the allowances of these Gentlemen for the month of November.— I have the honor to be,

Sir

Panjalumcourchy
8th October 1799.—

Your very Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr.

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To, William Petrie Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

The Poligars of Mailmandeh, Nadava-coorchy Coshumcondahn Chinnelgoody, Maniachy Cadumboor, Sundiyoor, Mannarcotta and Artiaghiry, having been called upon to explain the causes which led to their delay in the payment of their Kist and warned of the consequences of any further protraction have satisfied me of their inability to pay at the present moment, and earnestly solicit that a little time may be allowed them for the liquidation of their Arrears.—

The Mailmandeh Poligar from whom a balance is due of 1016. Cy Chuckrums states that the constant depredations of the Cadulgoody and Collatoor Poligars in his Country destroyed the little cultivation he had reared and that to this alone is to be attributed—this, the only, failure he has ever been guilty of in his payments to the Company: that he trusts therefore one month will be allowed for the liquidation of his balance.—

The Nadavacourchy Poligar owes only the small balance of Cy Chs. 350, the Severity of the

year

=pair is the cause of the delay; he promises to make good the balance in twenty days.—

The Callumcondahn Poligar owes the Sum of 365. C⁴Chˢ. he has no Villages cultivated by himself, and his only means arise from five Cawul Villages, of which three were some time ago mortgaged to the Shivagherry Poligar, and are now unjustly detained by him — The two parties having consented that the Tahsildar of Shattoor shall arbitrate between them, the demand for the balance is delayed until the Tahsildar makes his report to the Collʳ.

The Chinnelgoody Poligar owes a balance of 532. C⁴Chˢ. this mans means are very confined, and his Pollam suffered much from want of rain — he solicits there=fore that twenty days be allowed for the liquidation of his arrears.—

From the Manaachy Poligar is due the small balance of 133 C⁴Chˢ. 2 ½ fˢ. he complains heavily of the oppressions, himself, and his Inhabitants suffered from the Poligar of Panjalamcourchy, and to his violence he attributes the ruin of that little Cultivation which a scanty supply of rain enabled him to commence — he promises however to pay in twenty days.—

The Poligar of Codumboor from whom a balance of 231. C⁴Chˢ. is due urges the same causes for his failure as the Poligar of Manaachy.—

From the Poligar of Sundiyoor is due the Sum of 1000 C⁴Chˢ. the want of rain and the inroads of the Collieries are assigned as the causes of his delay and he earnestly intreats that forty days may be allowed for the liquidation of his Arrears.—

The Poligar of Manaucottah urges that the violence of the Colarpatty Bays Manager and the frequent depredations committed by him in his Pollam prevented the Inhabitants from benefitting by the very scanty portion of rain which fell in the last season, and that his receipts have not in consequence been a third of their usual amount — he intreats therefore to be allowed one month for the liquidation of half of his arrears amounting to 1818. C⁴Chˢ. 3. and another

month

month for the Residue.—

The Arteagherry Poligar complains that the Naglepoiro Man by diverting the Ancient Channel of a Water course brought the whole of his Tanks into Ruin and destroyed by far the greatest part of his Cultivation— That this Violence, the want of Rain, and the high Rate at which the Pollam is assessed have been the Sole Causes of his present Arrears amounting to 1727. 04 Chs. 2. p and that he entreats three months may be allowed for the payment— That if at the End of this period the money be not paid the Pollam— must of course be Sequestered, and himself become dependant on the Company's bounty.—

Deeming the reasons given by these Poligars for the Accumulation of their Arrears entitled to attention I strongly recommend that the time they have Severally Solicited for their liquidations be granted; had no Sequestrations already taken place I should have been little disposed to propose such an indulgence to the Poligars of Manar=cotta and Arteagherry; but as I have reason to believe that the examples which have been made have wrought a deep impression upon their minds, and that they are at this period really without the means of Satisfying the Company's demands, it appeared to me to be proper not to deny them the forbearance they have requested.—

I have the honor to Enclose Copy of a letter to Major Bannerman and of his reply, and shall in consequence leave the detachment this Evening for Pan=jalamcurchy. I have the Satisfaction to inform you that the whole of the Sequestered Pollams continue in perfect tranquillity— tomorrow I shall have the honor to address you more particularly regarding them. I have great gratification in informing you that more than half of the forts belonging to the Western Poligars are already level with the ground; a few days are ex=pected to complete the demolition of the whole.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obed. humb. Servant.

Signed S. Lushington Col.

Nytar
8 October 1799.

To, Major Bannerman
Commanding the Field detachment in the
Tinnevelly Province.

Sir,

Having personally Examined the Poligars of Maelmundeh, Nadanacoorchy Columcoudah, Chinnelgaadby Maniachy Cadumboor Sandiyoor Manarcotta & Oatingherry in regard to the payment of their present arrears of Peshcush; they have given me such reasons for its accumulations as incline me to recommend to the Board of Revenue that the time which they have severally solicited may be allowed for its liquidation be granted to them. – Had no Sequestrations already taken place I should be little disposed to propose such an indulgence to the Poligars of Manarcottah and Oatingherry; but as I have reason to believe that the examples which have been made have wrought a due impression upon their minds, and that they are at this period really without the means of satisfying the Companys demands, it appears to me to be proper not to deny them the little time they have requested. –

I take this Occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the Instant inclosing copy of your Address to Government of the 5. Instant and of the Proclamation therein alluded to – As all the objects of your instructions are now either Accomplished, or on the point of Completion, And as I am not aware that it is in my power to give any further aid and efficiency to your exertions, or that my presence is any longer necessary with the detachment, I propose after visiting the Sequestered Countries to return again to Ramnad for the re-establishment of my health – If however you are of opinion that any point remains to be accomplished in which I can be of the smallest assistance, I shall Chearfully remain with you, and Cordially Cooperate in its Completion. –

As no mention is made in your Instructions in regard to the Oosha Cavel collected by the Poligars, and as I have received no Orders from the Board of

Revenue

Remain on this Subject I presume you will not enter upon any Arrangement for its future Regulation or abolition; I beg leave however to submit to you the propriety of your requiring each Polygar now present to deliver in a correct and detailed Statement of the whole of his Claims on this Account authenticated by his Signature — of course it would be necessary to admonish them against the Advancement of a Single false pretension. — a Statement procured after such warning, and in their present proper temper of mind, could be a great Check upon the falsified Accounts with which the Collector may expect to be troubled whenever it be resolved either to assume or abolish the Desha Cawel. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

8th October 1799.

Your very Obed^t hum^l Servt
Signed S. Lushington Coll^r

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To, William Petrie Esqr
President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

I have the honor to lay before you the Establishment of Servants which I have judged necessary for the Sequestered Pollams — when the Inhabitants have been some little time under the Company's immediate management and information has been obtained of the resources of these Countries a considerable reduction may with propriety be made — at this moment none can take place with security to the Revenue — I have also the honor to transmit copy of my instructions to the newly appointed Tahsildars. —

The daily reports which I receive from my Amildars at Naglapore Cadulgoady Colarputty and Tilairumpunny represent those Countries in perfect tranquility, and here I am myself an Eye-witness of the Contentment of the Inhabitants and their peaceable Cultivation of the lands — the Surrender of Arms proceeds as successfully as I expected, but the completion of this most important object must necessarily be a work of time. —

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The consciousness of deserving punishment, and the Rumour of an approaching detachment, had made the Several Poligars whose Countries have been Sequestered, take the precaution of removing the little property which their own profligacy and the Rapacity of their Masters had left them — this will retard the discovery of it and obstruct its Seizure; but your Board may rely that every Vigi=lance has been and will be exerted by me for the accom=plishment of this object — particular lists shall be here=after transmitted in the mean time it may be Satisfactory to you to know that I have Secured about 2500 Chuckrums in ready money belonging to Cottaboma Naig besides a consi=derable quantity of Jewels. —

I have the honor to Enclose Copy of a letter from Major Bannerman and of my reply respecting the relation of Cottaboma Naig — According to my request they are now under restraint at Palamcottah and as and as they are all Stout active young Men who have been Nurtured in idleness and debauchery I entirely concur in opinion with Major Bannerman that it would be dangerous to release them at this period — For present maintenance they have Sufficient means amongst themselves, and I shall therefore postpone any recommendation for an allowance to be made to them until I can give a better Opinion of their respective Merits, of what they Severally enjoyed under the Poligar, and what the resources of the Pollam can afford. —

As the Expence of Camp Equipage for myself and Cutcherry Servants absorbs a very great proportion of my monthly allowance, and as in the Survey and Village Settlement of the Sequestered Pollams which I shall enter upon as soon as possible, this expence will be continued and increased I request your indulgent consideration of my appli=cation for the usual Tent allowance to the Collectors thus employed — and the amount whereof can be Charged against the Extra revenue of the Sequestered Pollams. — The Moniegars of the Circar may having on Some trifling Occasions interfered improperly in the Sequestered Countries I

judged

judged it to be the best mode of checking the Evil to pro=
=ceed to Tinnevelly and have an interview with the Nabobs principal Servant – On this Occasion I reminded the naib Phausdar that when Coopiengar the Renter interfered improperly in the Pollams, my Predecessor was instructed upon a repetition of the Violence to Siezo the person of the Renter himself. – It is Satisfactory to me to inform you that this allusion has produced the effect I desired, no interference having been Since attempted. –

I have the honor to Enclose Copy of a letter from Major Bannerman of the 6th Instant and of the inclosures therein referred to I was unable to Send them Yesterday from want of Copyists. –

I have the honor to be, with greatest respect. – Gentlemen;

Panjalamcourchy
9th October 1799.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr

To, Mr. Baggott
Beach Master at Tutacoryn. –

Sir;

I request you will prepare the Boats and Divers at Tutacoryn for the Examination of the Pearl Banks, with all the Expedition in your power. –

When you have engaged them you will be pleased to forward a list containing the names of the Boats and their Owners, with translates in English of the Agreements they enter into – I am,

Sir your most Obedt Servt
So. S. Lushington Collr

Panjalamcourchy
9 Octr 1799.

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To; Lieut Elliot

Commanding Officer at Palamcottah

Sir;

I am favored with your letter of the 6th Inst and as I presume the prisoners therein mentioned are the family of Cattaboma Naig I do not imagine they will require a Subsistance from the Company - having ample property of their own - If however they apply to you on this Subject, you will be pleased to make known their application to me; keeping them in safe Custody until you are informed in what other manner they are to be disposed of

I have the honor to be

Ramnad .. Sir

11th October 1799. Your Obedient Servant

Signed S. Lushington Collr

To; Mr Gay

Master attendant at Negapatam.-

Sir;

As there are Considerable deficiencies in the quantities of Rice dispatched on Donys taken

up

up by you at Negapatam I wish to know as speedily as possible whether it is customary to make any and what allowance ℘ Cent for wastage to the Owners I observe no condition to this effect in the Engage=
=ments with the Owners.—

I am;
Sir;

Ramnad
12th October 1799.

Your very Obed.t Servant
Signed S Lushington Coll.r

To J. B Travers Esq.r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

In Compliance with the instructions of M.r Accountant Read of the 3.d Instant I inclose a bill in favor of the Board for Star Pagodas 265. 32.–„ on Account of the Paddy and Copper Sent me on the 29 Ult.o last – drawn by Abdul Cawder upon Ismael Mahomed.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir;

Ramnad
12th October 1799.

Your very Obedient Servant
Signed S Lushington Coll.r

To J. B. Travers Esq.r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.—

Sir;

You will be pleased to inform the Board that the inclosed letter addressed to the President and the accompanying Statements of demand Collection and balance left my Cutcherry at Ramnad agreeable to Regulations on the 5. of this month, but wanting my Signature they were despatched to Mytar, and from thence followed me from one Pollam to another, whereby they did not reach me until this morning.—

I have much Satisfaction in reporting that within these last twenty days Sufficient Rain has fallen in Several Talooks of this districts to enable the Inhabitants to commence their Punjah Cultivation;

and

and Muchilkas are every where entered into to carry it to the greatest possible extent. - The fall of Rain, and the abortion of all Poligars depredations has already brought Some of the Inhabitants back to their Villages. -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

Ramnad
12th October 1799.

Signed S. Lushington Collr

To, Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

I herewith transmit you the Sum of 3400 Star Ps. as P inclosed Invoice under a guard of Sepoys. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. humble Servt

Ramnad
13 October 1799. -

Signed S. Lushington Collr

To, Geo. Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose the Accounts Current with the Madura Poligars

the Remain shall be forwarded to you, the moment they are received from the different Pollams.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir;

Ramnad
13th October 1799.

Your Obedient hum^l Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll^r

To, Mr. Baggot
Master attendant at Tutacoryn.—

Sir;

The intention of examining the Pearl banks at Tutacoryn being postponed for the present, I beg you will dismiss the Boats you may have engaged for this Service at my request.—

I am

Sir,

Ramnad
14. October 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll^r

To, Geo Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue.—

Sir;

I have the honor to Enclose two Vouchers for payment of Captain Dightons. Post Bills belonging to my Resident Account Current for August omitted to be dispatched before.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir,

Ramnad
14th October 1799.

Your most Obedient hum^l Ser^t
Signed S. Lushington Coll^r

To, Lieut Col. Brown.
Commanding. Trichinopoly

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that the Sepoys who will deliver this letter to you have been this day dispatched in charge of the

the allowances due to the deposed Poligar of Ram=
=nad for the month of July and August amounting
to Porto Novo Pagodas 673. & 21 Shooly fanams for
which I request of you to forward as usual, the
Poligars receipt.–

I have the honor to be,

Sir;

Ramnad
14th October 1799.–

Your most Obedient Servt
Signed S Lushington Collr

To; William Petrie Esqr
President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

As the impoverished Condition of the Ryots of this Province requires all the indul=
=gence of the Circar, to enable them to Commence and pursue their Cultivation I request your permission to assist, to the Extent of 5000 Cullums of Paddy, such as are likely to repay in money the small advances of that may be made to them.–

I have the honor to be;
with greatest respect.–

Gentlemen

Ramnad
14th October 1799.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Sd. S. Lushington Collr

To; William Petrie Esqr
President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

I have the Satisfaction to inform you that Exclusive of the small balance of Star Pags. 3983. 21. fs. as detailed in my letter of the 8th instant the Peshcush of the Tinnevelly Poligars for the last fusly has been paid: and excepting in the assumed Pollams there are no other arrears due in this Collection but those owing by the Inhabi=
=tants of this Province.–

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The forbearance which has hitherto been shewn to them was irresistibly demanded by their emigration and distresses; and the Continuance of it is now more than ever expedient since any attempt to recover the balances before the approaching Season of produce would be attended with no other effect than that of disturbing, the little Cultivation which has been commenced, and of preventing the return of those who have emigrated upon this explanation and those which have been before given I look for your Boards approbation of the forbearance which has been shewn and of that now recommended, both being alike jus=
=tified and required by every principle of humanity and policy.—

I have further the Satisfaction to inform you that the Companys authority throughout these districts is regarded at this moment with more real respect than at any former period, that this Submission will be temporary I have no apprehension for the ample powers with which Major Bannerman was invested and the judgment and Energy with which he has used them, have not only secured Success to the Objects he was appointed to accomplish, but have given the Poligars a proof that when awed into professions of obedience for fear of the Companys Arms they cannot escape their just dis=
=pleasure by intrigue.— This was an opinion which until lately they did not scruple to avow; and to this illusion as much as to any other Cause I conceive their past irregularities to be attributable.—

The approach of the Monsoon rendering it necessary to put the troops of the detachment into quarters, and Major Bannerman having signified to the Poligars that they will be permitted to return to their Pollams, nothing farther can be accom=
=plished in regard to them until the Season again opens.—

As the effects of the fever which attacked me

me at Panyalamcourchy still remain, and as the public Service will call me to that and the other Sequestered Poll=
=ams soon after the Rains, I am desirous in the interval of reestablishing my health as much as possible - for this purpose Mr. Assistant Surgeon Steddy has recom=
=mended to me relaxation from business, and it is there=
=fore my intention to use the permission you before gran=
=ted to me to Visit the Presidency on my private affairs and which your desire for my return prevented my then taking advantage so as to accomplish the object for which I went to Madras. - In my absence my head Assistant Mr. Grame will have charge of the Station, and I cannot forego this Occasion of doing Justice to his Merit by assuring you that his general good Conduct and Know=
=ledge of the Malabar Language entitle him to my entire confidence and Commendation. -

I have the honor to be,
with greatest respect. - Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Ramnad
15. October 1799.
Signed S. Lushington Colls

To, J B Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose returns of Troops under the Command of Col: Martinz and Captain Dighton for last Month. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your very Obedt humt Servt
Ramnad
16th October 1799. -
Signed. S. Lushington Colls

To, George Thompson Esqr
Sir,

I am favored with your letter of this Instant and as the Board of Revenue will require from me a more detailed

detailed account of the Charges incurred by you at Negapatam on account of the Princess Royals Cargo and as it is necessary in order to an adjustment of freights with the owners; you will be pleased to transmit to me a more particular State=-ment of each Item of Expence incurred by you. – In the mean time I have delivered to Mr. Wallace a bill upon a Merchant in Negapatam for the amount which will be paid to you when it is received by that Gentleman. –

I am;

Sir;

Your most Obedt. humt. Servt.

Signed S. Lushington Collr.

Negapatam
17th October 1799.

To; J: B: Travers Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir;

I have the pleasure to Enclose the Bill returned in your Secretarys Letter of the 10th. Instant and now indorsed by Mr Lushington. –

I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Your very Obedt. humt. Servant

Signed Wy. Grame Asst. Collr.

Ramnad
18th October 1799. –

To; William Petrie Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter under date 11th Instant from Mr Hurdis, together with Copy of the reply of Mr. Lushington on the 18th Ultimo to a letter from Mr. Hurdis of the 14th in that month, on the Subject of Poojaury naigs irregularities, and the Yellomuddy Poligars encouragements of them – Apprehensive that the objections made by the Collector to the adoption of any measure in regard to the Yellamuddy Poligar for a certain time may still exist. I request to be favored with your instructions to act. –

I have the honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen; Your mt Obt. humt. Servt.

Signed Wy. Grame Asst. Collr.

Ramnad 18th Octr.
1799.

To, Lieut. Bagshaw
Commanding Southern Pioneers
Sir,

I am this moment favored with your letter of the 19th Instant and request you will pay the balance of the advance made to you for the destruction of the fort, of Panjalumcourchy into the hands of the Tahsildar Hura Lala.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
Signed Henry Grame ap.r Colls

Ramnad
22d October 1799.

To Mr. Gratian; Manapar—
Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th Instant, I will reply in a few days to that part of it which mentions Cap.t Davison's Order for your leaving the house in which you resided at Manapar in the mean time I inclose a letter addressed to you, which I received yesterday from my Akbar Nawiz at Manapar; An Ignorance of the distinction between the names Manapara, and Manapar, I imagine was the Cause of its having been sent this circuitous route to you.—

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant
Signed H.y Grame ap.r Colls

Ramnad
22d October 1799.

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To; William Petrie Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

I have the honor to Enclose an Acct Sale of the Grain received from Mr Toriano with a par=ticular Account of the Charges incurred in the Disposal of his Supply annexed thereto; A Considerable part of the money gained from the Sale of this Grain is Con=verting into Porto Novo Pags for the payment of the freight and prime Cost of the Cargo of Rice brought by the Princess Royal to Negapatam I Request your instructions to what purpose the remainder is to be applied I cannot however Suggest a better mode of its appropriation than in advances to the Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly, to enable him to carry on the Com=panys Investment under his Charge, which for want of Cash is or is likely to be, at a Stand.-

I have the honor to be with greatest respect.- Gentlemen;

Your most Obedt humd Servt

Ramnad 24 Octr 1799

Signed S. Lushington Collr

To, Benjamin Torin Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir;

I have the pleasure to send a Sett of Bills for Eight thousand Star Pagodas in your favor this day received from the Madura Paymaster in return for which I request you will furnish me with your Bill on Governt for the same amount in favor of the Collector of Ramnad or myself.-

I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Your very Obedient humd Servant

Ramnad
24 October 1799.

Signed S. Lushington Collr

To. J B Travers Esqr

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the honor to inclose first of a Sett

Sett of bills to the amount of 2500 Star Pag^s recevied from the Paymaster at Madura on account of Cash, Expended from this Treasury for Supplies of Rice &c^a to the detachment in the Tinnivelly Pollam under the Command of Major Bannerman

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad 24 Octr 1799. Your most Obed^t humble Servant

Signed Hy Grame as Coll^r

To, Robert Woolf Esqr

Accountant General

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of the first of a Sett of bills dispatched this day to L B Travers Esqr Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the amount of 2500 S Pagodas received from the Madura Paymaster.—

I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Sir,

Ramnad 24 Octr 1799 Your most Obedient Hum^e Servt

Signed Hy Grame as Coll^r

To Robert Hughes Esqr

Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your setts of bills for 2500 S P^s and to return the bills of Supplies to Major Bannerman's detachment with my receipts annexed thereto.— I have the honor to be with greatest respect

Sir

Your most Obedient Hum^e Servt

Ramnad 24 Octr 1799 Signed Hy Grame as Coll^r

To Geo. Read Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Poligar Peshcush Accounts for last month together with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeably to the accompanying List of the Packet. — I have the honor to be

Sir

Ramnad 25 Octr. 1799.

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Signed Wy Grame ap Calle

To his Excellency Frederick North, Governor of Ceylon. —

Sir

I should readily comply with your Excellency's request of the 17 Instant and re-establish the Tappal between Negapatam and Ramnad which Mr. Lushington withdrew

withdrew on the day of his departure to Madras on account of the heavy Rains which detained the Runners, if I were not of Opinion that the route by Tanjore which tho I believe Mr. Lushington wished, his time would not permit him to propose to your Excellency, is preferable in all Respects.—

There are Eight Rivers (Some or most perhaps inlets of Salt water) between Ramnad and Negapatam, on which it is necessary boats should be Employed for the Conveyance of Travellers, tho the Average breadth of these Rivers is only 60 feet and the necessity for flying boats upon them does not exist longer than from the latter end of September to the same time in December yet there is another exclusive of them called the Corian which is said to be 1000 feet broad to Require a boat upon it to April.—

The Probability of Occasional overflowings above the Banks of those Rivers, and of the boats being frequently unprepared or at a great distance from the places required when the Runners arrive, Shews that the Tappal must be often and for a Considerable time detained indeed on examination of the Books of this Post office, I found that for 17 Successive days out of the month in which the Tappal between Ramnad and Negapatam was Continued, the Madras Tappal did not arrive in less time than the Madras Tappal by the Old route of Madura although the distance is Several leagues greater by the latter way — This was the Case from 27 September to 14 October, when Mr. Lushington (who being absent far into the interior of this Province had not intimation of this Circumstance before his arrival) dismissed the Runners

The distance between the Ramnad and Negapatam is reckoned 14 leagues the number of runners established by Mr. Lushington was 14 and the pay of each individual monthly was 1/2 Po Ruups — it would however had been found necessary if the Tappal had been Continued, to add another, as the inclosed translate of a letter from the Post Office writer at Negapatam shews to the number of Runners entertained, and to have increased their pay

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to 1/2 Star P.s as they were in consequence of being conducted by the Runners attached to other Stations who received 1/2 Star Pag.s which is in most places the Companys pay, and who were apprehensive they should be called upon to Submit to receive only what the Negapatam Boys did often Complained bitterly of their Comparatively low allowances, and refused to Serve without an increase - although I cannot promise to Engage Runners for any Sum monthly under the Companys rate established in this quarter, I have the Satisfaction to Say that Tanjore is 2 leagues less distant than Negapatam from Ramnad that the Route by both of these places from Madras is equi-distant and that 13 instead of 15 Boys will only be requisite for the Carriage of Letters to Tanjore from hence. -

If your Excellency should be pleased to approve of this Route for the Tappal I shall be glad to have Early intimation of your desire - that it may be executed with the least possible Delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t very hum.e Servant
Signed A. Y. Grame ap.t Coll.r

Ramnad
27. October 1799.

To M.r Baggott
Beach Master at Tuticoryn

Sir,

The intention of Examining the Pearl Banks at Tuticoryn being revived I beg you will re-engage the proper Number of Boats for the purpose if you are of Opinion that the weather will admit of this process. -

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Signed A. Y. Grame ap.t Coll.r

Ramnad
27 October 1799.

To L. B. Hurdis Esq.r
Collector at Dindigul &ca

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose extract of a letter

letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 19th with Extract of a letter from Government to that Board of the 12th Instant Conveying their assent to a Recommendation made by the Collector of Ramnad to transfer the Charge of the Manapara Poligars from him to you.—

It is my intention to defer any Cowlnamah to the Manapara Poligars, until you shall have informed me that the inconvenience alluded to in Govts letter is not likely to result from this addition to your Collectorship or shall have Signified in any manner your acquiescence to the measure.— I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed humble Servant
Signed Wy Grame asst Colt

Ramnad
27 October 1799.

To Mr Baggott
Beach Master at Tutacoryn

Sir;

As you have long been a resident at Tutacoryn I request you will inform me in how many days you are of Opinion the weather will permit my Examination of the Pearl Banks.— I am;

Sir;

Your Obedient Servt
Signed Wy Grame asst Coll

Tutacoryn
31st October 1799.

To I. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I herewith transmit a Register of Bills received and forwarded in this month.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir,

Your most Obed humble Servt.
Signed Wy Grame asst Colly

Ramnad
31st October 1799.—

To Capt. Davison
Commanding officer at Tutacoryn

Sir;

I request you will station the usual guard

guard over the Company's Chank Godown after the first day of the Fishery, for the Security of the Chank that may be fished, and deposited there by Mahomed Gauze, the Superintendent.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir,

Tutacoryn
31st October 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed Hy Grame ass. Coll.

To Geo. Read Esq.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I herewith transmit Estimates of my probable receipts and Disbursements for the Ensuing Month, shewing the Balance of Cash Actually on hand this day.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir,

Ramnad
31st Octr
1799

Your Most Obedient Servant
Signed Hy Grame ass. Colls

Robert Hughes Esq.
Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

I herewith transmit the Pay and Muster Rolls of the Lascars of Tents for last Month.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Ramnad
1st November 1799

Your most Obedt. humt Servant
Signed Hy. Grame ass. Colls

To Captain Davison
Commanding Tutacoryn

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose Extract from a memorial addressed to the Collector of Ramnad &c by Messrs. Grattan and Albracht, and to request that you will put into Mr Grattans possession again the house in which he

he was accustomed to reside at Manapar.-

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t hum.l Servant

Signed Hy Grame asst Coll.

Panjalamcourchy
1st November 1799.

Extract from a Memorial of Mess.rs Gratian and Albarcht dated 13th October 1799.-

G. A Gratian one of your Memorialists has had the further indulgence to remain in the house which he Occupied by Virtue of his Station before the war but was Ordered by Captain Davison a few Days back to leave the same (perhaps with an idea that Mr Gratian would remain with her Sister during the absence of your Memorialist) but should he be permitted to Stay and the house not wanted for public use he flatters himself with a further hope of obtaining your permission to return.-

A true Extract
Signed Hy Grame
Asst Coll.

To John Kenworthy Esqr
Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly

Sir,

Mr Lushington having stated to Government that in Consideration of the unfortunate Circumstances of Mr Gratian he has taken upon himself to authorize Remaining at Mannapar until the Monsoon has passed or until he receive from them different instruc=tions; I do not think proper to adopt your Suggestion to remove him from Manapar but beg to recommend, if you think his influence so conside=rable as to require his immediate removal that you point out to Government in what particular manner it has acted to the detriment of the Honble Companys Investment-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obed.t Servant.

Signed H Grame Asst Coll.

Panjalamcourchy
1 Novem.r 1799

To William Petrie Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I herewith transmit two Statements of Demand Collections and balance for last month Agreeably to the 4th Article of the Revenue Regulations

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Ramnad
5 Novemr. 1799.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed Wy Grame ap Collr

To William Petrie Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Having understood it to be necessary that if there was any examination of the Pearl Banks at Tuticoryn, it Should take place at the latter end of last month I proceeded to Tuticoryn in as Short time as possible after the receipt of your Secretarys letter of the 19th Ulto and intended accordingly to have commenced the examination, but having waited there two days without being able to accomplish this business and learning from people who had resided long at the place that there was no probability of the weather being favorable to the purpose in less than 10 days, I thought it expedient to quit it as I apprehend my presence will be required in a Short time at the Sequestered Pollams. -

I have the honor to inclose Copies of all the Papers that passed on appointing a Superintendent to the Tuticoryn Chank fishery which commenced on the 1st Instant and to request your Sanction for the usual advance made of 100 P. N Ps to the divers &ca and for the Mayen Zabitah which received your approbation at the time of last fishery. -

I have the honor to be with great respect. -

Gentlemen

Ramnad
5 Novr 1799.

Your most Obedt humd Servant
Signed Wy Grame ap Collr

Muchelkah given by Mahomed Youze to S. R. Lushington Esqr. Collector dated 26th October 1799.

As you have appointed me Amuldar of the Tutacoryn Chank Fishery, I shall make particular enquiry of Sady Talavan and the Chank Malungee into the number of Boats and Divers usually employed in the fishery, and of the places where the Chank is fished — I shall assemble the whole of them, give them the necessary encouragement and Orders positively, and take Muchilkas from the Divers in order that the produce of Chank may be much more than the three last years, taking care to prevent the loss of one Chank from the number fished and purchase at the usual rate of 14 Chuckrums ℔ 1000 Chank — I shall be attentive to the Sorting of the Chank with the Mamool Plank, and take every precaution to preserve them from the inclemency of the heat and rain by depositing them in proper Godowns, in order that they may be delivered in a good condition to the person or persons who may purchase the Chank at public Auction — whenever money is required I shall apply for such Sums as may be necessary to enable me to defray the expences and to carry on the fishery without interruption and conduct myself in every respect not only with fear and fidelity, but also in such manner as will conduce to the Advantage of the Company. — I shall keep a proper Account for the Sum I now receive, and for such further Sums I may here-after call for, together with an account of the Chank fished and received by me, and transmit abstracts thereof every tenth day to the Hozoor Cutcherry — The monthly accounts shall be transmitted so as to arrive at the Cutcherry by the 3d of every month — In measuring, receiving, and delivering the Chank, I shall be careful that not a Chank do miss, and that not a Cash may miss in the expenditure of the money intrusted to me — in either cases, and also, if I should be found wanting in my exertions to promote the fishery, or be guilty of receiving a Cash from any person whatever by way of a Bribe, I shall be responsible for any loss that may thereby accrue to the Company, and submit to such

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pain and penalty as the Company may judge me deserving. — 119

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To Mahomed Gouze — Amuldar of the Tutacoryn Chank Fishery

The Board of Revenue having been pleased to direct that the Tutacoryn Chank fishery be held under Aumanee for the ensuing year, I have thought proper to appoint you the Amuldar thereof, and to direct that you proceed to Tuta=corym with all expedition, and commence the fishery on the 1st of November. —

The Boats and divers employed as Maniaoli in the fishery are to be under your immediate authority — and no one is to have concern directly or indirectly with either. —

All Chank fished, coming under the head of dustoor, as well as good, bad, and indifferent Chank, are to be deposited in a godown and a report of the weekly quantity taken to be forwarded to me by the Tappal and a daily report given to Sady Talawn. —

You will pass your receipt for the Sum of One hundred Porto Novo Pag.s which will be advanced to you from the Treasury to enable you to defray the usual Expences, attending the fishery, and when this sum may be expended and you are in want of more, you will report the Cir=cumstances to the Cutcherry. —

Sady Talawn has been enjoined to afford you the necessary assistance — you will accordingly upon all Occasions apply to him, and should he at any time refuse to furnish it, you are to report to the Cutcherry.

The Chank Malengie is to be present, if he thinks proper, at the daily delivery of the Chank, and he is to be permitted to take an account of the number fished each day, and to put his seal upon the door of the Godown you will be careful that every Chank be deposited in the Godown, and not one removed from thence, without my public Orders to you in writing. —

The usual price paid to the divers is 14 T. Chuck.s ꝑ one thousand Chank, and this you will pay as

pay as the Chank are delivered taking receipts from the Divers for such Sums as you will pay to them either by way of payment for the Chank delivered, or advances.—

Should the Nabobs Renter of Tinnevelly send a man to Tutacoryn on the part of his Highness, he is to be permitted to take an Account of the Chank delivered each day from each Boat.—

You will be particularly observant of these instructions, for you will be held personally answerable for their due execution.—

If it should happen that the divers on any particular day, should fish an extraordinary number of Chank you will observe the Mamool, in making them a small present, as a Reward for their exertions.—

I shall hereafter make you acquainted with the monthly allowance to be drawn by yourself the Conicopoly and four Peons, there are no others to be employed in the Service, at present I limit your pay to twenty five Tutacoryn Chuckrums ℔ month — the Conicopolis to 12 Chuckrums ℔ month, and the pay of each Peon to 27 Tutacoryn fanams subject however to any reduction that the Board of Revenue may see fit to order.—

You will receive herewith a notification which I have directed Sady Talavun to make public at Tutacoryn.—
Ramnad Cutcherry October 1799.—

To Sady Talavrn at Tutacoryn

I think it necessary to inclose for your particular information and guidance Copy of the instructions which I have furnished to Mahomed Gouzee whom I have appointed to act as amildar of the Tutacoryn Chank fishery for the ensuing year, which by orders of the Board of Revenue is to be held under amani.—

You are hereby directed to furnish at all times such assistance as the Amildar may require — and you will not fail to enjoin all the divers to pay implicit Obedience to the authority of the Amildar.—

I inclose also a notification under my Signature

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and the Seal of the Hon'ble Company announcing the appointment of the Amuldar which you will cause to be published by beat of Tom Tom, and afterwards see that it be pasted up at the Church for general information.—

Ramnad Cutcherry October 1799.—

Notification

Whereas the Board of Revenue have been pleased to send Orders to the Collector of Assigned Pushcush and Ramnad for keeping the Tutacoryn Chunk fishery of the ensuing year under Aumanie, notice is hereby given that the said Collector has appointed Mahomed Gouze Amildar of the Fishery, who is exclusively possessed of authority to act in all and every matter at Tutacoryn relating to this Service.— All divers and others concerned in the Fishery are hereby required to obey the Orders of the said Mahomed Gouze — who has been enjoined to observe the Mamool in all respects.—

This Fishery is to commence the first day of November, wind and weather permitting.—

has been appointed Conicopoly to the Amuldar.— Ramnad Cutcherry October 1799

Security Bond

We having perused the Muchulka given by Mahomed Gouze the Superintendent of the Tutacoryn Chank fishery and understand perfectly every part thereof, hereby bind ourselves jointly and severally to be answerable for any Deviation therefrom by the said Mahomed Gouze.— As witness our hands.

Ramnad Cutcherry 1st November 1799.

To, Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster of Madura & Palamcottah.—

Sir,

I have this day dispatched you the Treasure amounting to 10,000 Star Pagodas as p. Enclosed Invoices under a Guard of Seapoys.— I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your mt Obedt humd Servt
Signed S. Lushington Collr

Ramnad
6th Novemr 1799.

To, Lieut Bowen
Commanding Admore

Sir,

I have directed the Tafsildar of Panjalamcouchy to pay into your hands 16 Star Pags the amount of your two bills for September and October on account of doolies and bearers. –

It will be no trouble to receive in future any bills, however small the amount, in the same month for which they have drawn on the contrary it will be more convenient, as they will of consequence accompany my accounts to the Presidency in that month also. – I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad
6th November 1799

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Wy Grame asst Colls

To, Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from the Resident at Tanjore under date the 27th October with a list of bills for 8000 SP returned, and to request that you will furnish me with bills in favor of the Collector of Ramnad on the Military Paymaster General

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Ramnad
6th November 1799

Your very Obedient Servant
Signed Wy Grame asst Colls

To, J. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the usual monthly returns of the Troops under the Commands of Col. Martinz and Captain Dighton – I have the honor to be

Sir

Ramnad
6 November 1799

Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Signed Wy Grame asst. Collr

To Robert Woolf Esqr.
Accountant General

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Sir;

Enclosed I transmit you Copy of a bill in favour of Revenue upon the Military Paymaster General for S.Pt. 9101.19.23 which I have sent this day to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.—

I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Ramnad 6th Novr. 1799. Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Signed Hy. Grame Actg. Colls.

To, J. B Travers Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

Enclosed I transmit you a bill in favour of Revenue upon the Military Paymaster General for Star Pt. 9101.19.23.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad 6th Novemb. 1799. Your most Obedt. & humble Servt.
Signed S. Lushington Coll.

To Wm. Petrie Esqr.
President & ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

The impracticability of obtaining bills upon Madras for the payment of the Princess Royals Cargos of Rice induced the necessity of remitting Porto Novo Pt. to your Secretary to be converted at a favourable Exchange into Stars; and then delivered over to the Owners of the Rice, but as I understand that considerable delay has already happened in Exchanging this Coins, and as I expect a further remittance of about 17000 Pt. in Porto Novos to arrive from Ramnad, directed to your Secretary and to be applied to the same purpose. I shall with your approbation take charge of them on their arrival, and convert them with every possible expedition into Stars — I make this proposition in order to save a charge for interest to which from the conversation which passed with the owners they will have an unques-
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-tionable claim, if payment be delayed beyond forty days after deli-
-very of the Cargo. I beg, from the same motive to suggest that
if it be attended with no particular inconvenience that the
balance due to the Owners be immediately paid from your
Treasury, and the amount shall be replaced as fast as the
Porto Novos can be converted into Stars.-

I have the honor to be with respect

Gentlemen

Your very obedient Servant
Signed J. Lushington Coll^r

Madras
6th November 1799.

To J. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.-

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose the first of a
Sett of bills to the amount of 8000 Star Pagodas, received
from the Madura Paymaster, on account of Cash for his
disbursements in September.-

I have the honor to be;
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Hy Grame as^t Coll^r

Colarputty
10th November 1799.

To, Robert Woolf Esqr
Accountant General

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose Copy of the first
of a Sett of bills, received from the Madura Paymaster in re-
-turn of Cash advanced on account of his disbursements
in September to the amount of 8000 Star Pagodas.

I am;
Sir.
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Hy Grame
as^t Coll^r

Colarputty
10th November 1799.

To, Robt Woolf Esqr
Accountant General

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose Copy of the
first

first of a Sett of bills, received from the Madura Paymaster in return for Cash advanced on account of his disbursements in Nov.r to the amount of 10,000 Star Pag.s

I am;
Sir;
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) H.Y. Grams apt Colls

Colarputty
10th Novem.r 1799.

To; Cap.t Davison
Commanding at Tutacoryn

Sir;

Government having authorized the continuance of Mess.rs Gratian and Albracht at Manapara, you will be pleased to provide that the former may reoccupy the house in which he before lived — the peculiar hardship of his Situation is the foundation for Extending this Indulgence to him. —

I remain
Sir;
Your Obedient Servant
Signed S. Lushington
Coll.r

Madras
17 Novem.r 1799.

To, Mess.rs Gratian and Albracht

Gentlemen

you will be permitted to continue at Manapara, so long as you conduct yourselves to my Satisfaction, and M.r Gratian will be allowed to reoccupy the house in which he before lived. —

I am
Gentlemen
Your very Obed.t hum.l Servant
(Signed) S. Lushington Coll.r

Fort S.t George
17 November 1799

To, William Petrie Esq.r
President &c.a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 12th instant and as the Transfer of Wholapah Naigue and Dolipah Naigue to the authority of M.r Hurdis will tend greatly to tranquillize the Valley of Dindigul by putting

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the Collector in possession of the principal Passes through which the Ancon Colleries make their Incursions I concur entirely in opinion with Mr. Hardis of the public Expediency of this measure.—

As the Settlement of the Succession in the Nattum Pollam will require Mr. Hardis early attention, I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorized to proclaim the transfer as soon as possible.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect.— Gentlemen;

Your very obedient humbt Servant
Signed S. Lushington Collr.

Madras
17th Novemr. 1799.

John Kenworthy Esqr.
Commercial Resident at Tinnevelly

Sir;

I have been favoured with your letters of the 4th and 9th Instant, and enclose translate of the Orders given to the Panjalamcourchy Tahsildar in consequence.

If these Orders corresponds with your wishes as I hope they may, you will have the goodness to direct your Weavers to give a receipt for the thirty Chuckrums nine fanams, and also Soobramooneys Bond, to Lala, the Tahsil=dar of Panjalamcourchy.—

I am;
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant
Signed Wy. Græme Asst. Collr.

Sreevalapatore
18 November 1799

His Excellency Frederick North
Governor of Ceylon

Sir;

I am just favored with your Secretarys letter of the 8th Instant and have the pleasure to inform you that of the time requisite for the arrival of the Tappal from Madras by the present Road, it is probable that 19 or 20 English hours at most will be saved by its coming the Tanjore Road — I have &ca.

Your Excellency's
most obt. humt. Servt.
Signed Wy. Græme
Asst. Collr.

Sreevalapatore
20th Novemr. 1799.—

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To J. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to Enclose the first of a Sett of Bills to the amount of 10000 Star Pagodas received from the Madura Paymaster on account of Cash advanced for his disbursements in the present month. –

I have the honor to be,
Sir;
Your most Obedt Servant
Signed W Grame ap. Colly

Shevalapatore
21st Novembr 1799

To George Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Poligar Peshcush Accounts for last month with quarterly Accounts together with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeably to the Accompanying list of the Packet.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt humble Servant
Signed W Grame ap. Colly

Ramnad
25. Novembr 1799

William Petrie Esqr
President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I had the honor to receive your Secretary's Letter of the 21st on the 23d Instant, containing the resolutions of Government in regard to the future Government of the Poligars, and having nearly completed the arrangements for my Journey shall return to my Station on the 30th Instant to carry into execution your further detailed Instructions. –

At the Solicitation of the Ranee of Ramnad I have the honor to lay before you the inclosed Petition from her, expressive of her hopes that she may be placed in possession of the Country – The Ranee having referred

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to the communication which I made to her in August last, that if her Conduct continued to be deserving of the Companys favor for the two or three ensuing months, The Right Honble the Governor General had determined that she should be placed in possession of the Country, under Conditions, providing for its future proper management and the prosperity of the people, it seems to me necessary to mention that his Lordship was pleased to authorize this communication to her.-

From that period the conduct of the Ranee has continued to deserve my entire approbation, and I have therefore nothing to add to the Sentiments expressed upon this Subject in my report of the 20th of August last, except respectfully to suggest the expediency of placing before the Tinnevelly Poligars, at this period of resuming from them the usurpations they have so long Enjoyed, a proof which they cannot mistake of the Companys moderation and Equity; the importance of making the Country of Ramnad an Example of the regulation of theirs, and the greater Effect with which I can Superintend the Poligar reforms when my attention is not interrupted by the laborious Aumanee management of Ramnad, are considerations which make me very anxious to receive the early Instructions of Govern=ment upon this Subject.-

I have taken the liberty of enclosing draft of a Sunnud of Investiture, under which I conceive the Ranee might be placed in possession of the Country for one year, upon such terms as should be agreed upon after the extinction of the Feudal Tenure, and the resumption of the Sayer- If at the expiration of this Period her Conduct in Coope=rating to disarm the Inhabitants, (which should of course be done in communication with Major Turing) and in every other respect shall continue unexceptionable, she might receive the proprietory right of the Zemindary under a permanent Cowle, and such detailed regulations as may be necessary to secure a just Revenue to the Company and establish the foundations of increasing prosperity to the People.-

Your Board will observe that in the proposed Sunnud it is Stipulated that the Ranee shall

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destroy every fort or place of defence in the Province except Rammad and Comery - It appears to me better that she should perform this herself than that it should be executed by the Companys Servants, because it will shew that she enters cordially into the Views of Government. -

I have the honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen

Madras
27 November 1799

Your very Obed^t hum^l Servant
Signed S. Lushington Coll^r

Draft of a Sunnud to be granted to the Ranee of Rammad. - We the President in Council of Fort St George reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity and good management do hereby appoint you to be Ranee of Rammad and confirm you in all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging with the exception of the power to maintain a military force, and to collect the Sayer or internal duties - These Sovereign Privileges we have resolved to resume; you are accordingly hereby relieved from the Military duty performed by your Predecessors to the State and the Company do from this period charge themselves with the Protection of the Country from foreign Enemies, and the maintenance of the internal tranquility - Under this Change in your condition there is no cause for your retaining any of the Inhabitants of your Country in arms; and as the offensive Weapons which are now scattered throughout the Province can tend only to keep alive a Spirit of Disobedience to the Company, and to inflame private animosities, you shall heartily cooperate with the Collector in seizing every Musket, matchlock, Pike and Spear in the Zemindary - Any delay or Evasion in executing this primary condition of your Sunnud will be followed by the immediate forfeiture of your Country - Upon the same principles you agree to the demolition of every Fort or Gurry in the Country except those of Rammad and Comery which are to be Garrisoned by the Companys troops, and you bind yourself never again to erect a fort or Stronghold with=out the express permission of the Circar. -

In regard to the Collection of the Sayer, as the exercise of this privilege by your Predecessors was

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found injurious to the general Commerce of the Country, and greatly oppressive to the people, this inherent right of Sovereignty will be in future entirely vested in the Collector under such regulations as we may establish, or be entirely abolished.-

And in order to check oppression in the collection of your revenues, and to open the way to the establishment of a System of Justice, you are required to give every under-Tenant in your Zemindary a Pottah or written Document, expressing the amount of the Rent of each individual specifying whether to be received in Kind or in Specie and if both in what proportion, and adopting the payments to the Seasons of produce and you are not upon any Occasion to collect more than the Sums expressed in your Pottahs, and when the terms of them are fulfilled, you are to grant them a full discharge.-

The Term of this Sunnud is for one year and seven months, or from the 15 of December 1799 to the 11th of July 1801 but if during that period your conduct shall be entirely conformable to the Conditions of this Cawle and to all the Orders and Regulations of Government, we shall at the expiration of this term consider of conferring upon you the proprietary right of the Zemindary under a permanent Cawle, containing such conditions as will establish upon solid foundations the increased prosperity of the Country and your own happiness.-

John G. Ravenshaw Esqr.
Assistant Collector of Dindigul

Sir;

I am in anxious expectation of receiving the Papers relating to the Manapara Pollams from Ramnad and will immediately on their arrival comply with Mr. Hurdis's wish conveyed in your letter of 20th Instant.-

I am sorry you should have so much cause for Complaint against the Shevagunga Sheroyur, and am surprized at the disregard he has paid to my Cau-

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Naeos directing him to make restitution of the Cattle plundered in part by the Malarcotty Colleries, and to avoid any interference in the Succession of the Nuttum Pollam. - I have this day therefore repeated them in stronger terms and I trust they will produce the desired effect. -

I have the honor to be,

Colarpatty
28 November 1799

Sir
Your Obedient humble Servant
Signed W. Grame Asst. Collr.

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Translation of a letter from Shivagunga Charakter to his Vakeel at Ramnad dated 5. December 1799.

I have fully acquainted with yours of the 2d December 1799. the Contents of an Enclosure from the Collector, and the information you had through Letchmun Raoo with regard to the displeasure of Mr Grame incurred in my Conduct towards the disobedience of the Collectors repeated orders for the immediate return of the Cattles of Vamboor patty plundered away by the Mullacotah Cullers, under my vicinity, and depriving any assistance Shelter and Communication to the Chockyah, a Natural Son of the late Nuttum Poliyar. -

You know very well always, my intention to please the Company with my good and Satisfactory Conduct to them and immediate compliance with their orders whatever, so that I have now inclosed a letter to W. Grame Esqr. containing a fullest infor= =mation on the Subject, and have herein also written to you for your guidance, therefore you will Send the inclosed to Mr. Greame and refer this information to him through Letchmun Raw.

That a number of Colleries of 15 different families or husbandries were residing in the Mullacotta Naads under my Vicinity, in the year of Saumeah or 1790. where they obliged to leave the place livelihood and emigrated in the same year to Sirrocoody in the Malnaad Country of Ma= =dura Province, who may have perhaps been joined with those Cullers and plundered the Cattles with them, and in case that can be the reason to create a information in their name, for the Alligation of their late residency in that place but I certainly declare that no one of the pre= =sent Inhabitants of the Mallacottah has not abso= =lutely concerned with them, and in the want of any proof

proof upon their Conduct. I shall make them to return the properties immediately and I shall send them in person to Mr. Grame.—

Chakyah had sent his family to my Country for Shelter before six months and as soon as I receive the Collectors order about them.—

I have expelled out of the Vicinity of my Country. as I am informed now that they are residing at a Village in the Nuttum Pollam granted to them by deceased Poligar, and Chakyah went to Mr. Hurdis to visit him, which may become known to the Collector on his enquiry on the Subject.—

To, Lieut. Tichborne
Commanding Naglepore

Sir;

The Naglepore Tapildar having reported to me some days ago the want of Cambos I directed him to draw Supplies of Rice from Vypar for the Prisoners under your Charge in the Fort, they will therefore receive Rice from thence after 7th December the time calculated by you for the Consumption of the Cambo now in hand.—

I thank you for your Opinion that the most Effectual measure for the future Support of the Prisoners will be to obtain Major Turings &c Sanction for their immediate removal to Ramnad but I should remove them myself if it were not in expedient, however I will endeavour to release the greater part of them in a few days.—

I have the honor to be
Sir;

Colarputty
27 Novemr. 1799

I am most Obedient Servant
Signed W. Grame.
Asst. Collr.

To William Petrie Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

Having received a complaint from the

the Shevagherry Poligar of Injustice against the Tapildar of this place in assuming three Villages which he declared to have belonged to him ever Since his Succession to the Pollam I proceeded a few days ago to the Villages in dispute Summoned the Inhabitants - and desired their declarations in writing on the Subject and their attendance at a certain time I then appointed a day for the Poligar who was present to bring all his accounts as he had omitted to do it before - The two parties accordingly attended on the day fixed - and I received from the Poligar accounts of Cultivation Collection and of Cavel fee in favor of his claim - to the Same purport with No. 1. it being impossible from the length of the accounts and the want of Sufficient Translators for the purpose, to make full Translations of them - according to No. 2 were produced at the Same time.—

Having attentively considered these papers and put Several questions to the Poligar and Inhabitants I thought proper to Issue Tahud to the Shevagherry Poligar Copy of which No. 3 is inclosed, and which I trust will meet your approbation; it is grounded upon the principle that the Villages in dispute are of right the property of the person who held them during the Collector Mr. Irwin's management of the Country on the part of the Company which proved by the Inhabitants and by Shevagherrys want of access in those years to have been Colarputty - upon conviction from the Circumstance of Colarputty having complained fre-quently to former Collectors of Shevagherrys usurpation of the Villages - and from the inhabitants declaration the purport of which is explained in No. 2 that Colarputty did enjoy them before and at the time Mr. Irwin took the management of the Tinnevelly Country - and upon an opinion from the character given of Vencatrow (Tapildar under Mr. Irwin and afterwards under the nabob) that the Shevagherry Poligar prevailed upon this man to grant him these Villages without Sanction from Mr. Irwin about one or two months before that Gentleman's resignation, it was natural that the Shevagherry Poligar should wish to get possession

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of these Villages in the Companys time, in order that he might have a plea for holding them in the Nabobs Government - and that it might give Strength to his claim should the Company reassume the Tinnevelly Countries - and should the Colarputty prefer his Complaint - indeed the opinion of this having been his object - is Somewhat confirmed by the difficulty I found to obtain matter to disprove his claim was in great part owing to the excessive dread he has inspired the inhabitants with, of his oppressions and that he would retaliate upon them the injury they have done him in giving the information they have, whenever a favorable opportunity should offer - and from the accounts related of him, by the Inhabitants living in the neighbourhood of his Pollam, there appears to be just cause for Such fear. -

I request you will inform me if the Villages in dispute Should remain in the Companys possession, or be delivered over to the Poligar. - I have the honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen

Colarputty
29th Novemr 1799

Your very Obedt humble Servt
Signed Wm Grame actg Colls

No 1

Document in favour of Shivagherrys being in possession of the Villages in dispute in Mr Irwins time. -

Accounts of Cultivation and Cawel Tax or fees Collected from the grounds of Villages in dispute in Palawah year or beginning of 1781. 1782. continued, none for 1783 and 1784 Continued in 1785 - 1786 - 1787 - 1788 - 1789 - 1790 - 1791 - 1792 - 1793 1794 - 1795 - 1796 - 1797 - 1798 - 1799. -

No 2.

Declarations &ca against Shivagherrys claim to the Villages in dispute named Kalungapory, Postoopolliam and Dorasammypooram. -

Declarations of Rajapollam and Kalangapory Inhabitants - that Colarputty enjoyed the Villages before 15 years ago - when Shivagherry assumed them. -

Declarations of Inhabitants Mahajanum and Natoocanacoos of Sarovasamooderum and Summanda=pooram - that the family of Colarputty enjoyed the Villages

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in dispute from time immemorial to the year 1780. - that Shivagherry enjoyed them in 1781. and 1782. that Colarputty enjoyed in 1783 and 1784. - during Mr Irwins Collectorship, and Shivagherry from 1785 to the present time. -

Shivalapatoore Mahajanungals and Rajah=pollam head Inhabitants declare that of the two Colarputty and Shivagherry, Colarputty first of all enjoyed the Cawel of these Villages, that Shivagherry Colarputty with the exception of assumptions made from him by Shivagherry two or three times enjoyed them from the time of his first possession to, and in the whole time of Mr Irwins Collectorship except the One or two last months when Shivagherry took them. -

To the Shivagherry Poligar. -

In Consequence of your Complaint that the Colarputty Tapildar had unjustly assumed from you, the Villages of Kalangapoory, Poothopollam and Dorasamypoorum having come to Shivulapatoor in order to see Justice done to you if you had been aggrieved, having after my arrival, given you three days to bring all your Evidences, proofs, documents and Accounts Collection of Cawel Tax for as many years back as possible that might serve to Strengthen your claim to the Villages in dispute, which term you requested in Consequence of your Omission before, to provide yourself with them, having also directed the Colarputty Tapildar to produce within the same time the documents necessary to the justification of his Conduct in assuming the aforesaid Villages, and you having accordingly brought the accounts Collection of Cawel Tax, of which No 1. is an abstract and having returned answers to my questions on the Subject to the same effect as written in No 2. - and the Colarputty Tapildar having produced the declarations Documents agreements Salle and Mortgage Bonds of which No 3 is an abstract. -

I am of opinion that it is evident from the declarations of the Inhabitants of Rajapollam and Kalangapoory, - of the Inhabitants - Mahajanungals and Nattoocanacoos of Saravasamoodrum and Sem=mundapoorum and from your want of any accounts

further.

further back than nineteen years; that of the two (Colarputty and yourself) Colarputty first had the enjoyment of the 3 Villages in dispute.—

I believe also from the same declarations, and from your want of accounts Collection of Tax in 1783 and 1784 two years of Mr Irwins Collectorship although you are possessed of this description of accounts from 1781 to the present time with the exception of these 2 years that Colarputty did enjoy the disputed Villages during the management of Mr Irwin; and that you had no Concern in them until about 1 or 2 months before Mr Irwins Departure and Resignation of the Tinnevelly Countries to the nabob.—

That then, I am convinced from the aforesaid declarations, and from your want of any instrument from Mr Irwin putting you in possession of the Villages in dispute — you must have prevailed upon Vencat Row (the Tapildar under Mr Irwin) to have taken upon himself to grant you these Villages entirely without the Knowledge of Mr Irwin the Collector, whose Departure so soon after prevented his enquiry into the Conduct of Vencatrow: for acting on this Occasion without his authority.—

Impressed therefore with these ideas of the matter I direct that you withdraw all your Servants from the three Villages and that you prohibit any interference on this part, with the Servants whom I have appointed to, and who will continue in the management of them until the pleasure of the Board of Revenue shall be known.—

Shevalapatoor 18 November 1799.—

J. B. Travers Esqr

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I herewith transmit a register of Bills received and forwarded in this month.— I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Ramnad
30th Novemr 1799.

Signed Hy Graeme Asst Collr

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To, Geo Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I herewith transmit Estimates of my Probable receipts and disbursements for the Ensuing month, shewing the balance of Cash actually on hand this day.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt humble Servant
Signed Hy Grame apt Colly.

Ramnad
30th November
1799

To J. Kenworthy Esqr
Commercial Resident
Tinnevelly

Sir,

None of your people being present here, I send under Charge of a Sebundy Sepoy the person named Valien, Arunja Permaul and Sarta pilly mentioned in the translation accompanying your letter of the 30th Ultimo in order that you may act in regard to them as you think proper.—

The Cadaly Monigar of whose Olay Copy is Enclosed, rests the defence of his Conduct on this Occasion on the Circumstance of your people having omitted to give him notice of their intention to take away the three Weavers who are Inhabitants of the Village in which he is Monigar and their having refused to let him see your Order for their attendance at Palamcottah when requested.— I am,

Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
Signed Hy Grame apt Colly

Colarputty
1st December 1799.

To, Geo Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Accounts of Ramnad for last month with the quarterly Grain Account and Mayenzabitah from 13th July to the 31st October 1799 — together with the Vouchers appertaining.

=ing thereto agreeable to the accompanying list of the Packet.— An Error on the part of the writers in Sending the Accounts to a different place from where I am has been the Cause of delay in transmitting them to you at an earlier day — and the Peishcush accounts I am obliged to detain some days in order to make certain alterations, which can be best explained to you when the accounts themselves are forwarded—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Wy Grame qw Colls

Colarputty
1.st Decem.r 1799.

To Geo Read Esq.r
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

In reply to the last Paragraph of your letter of the 14 Instant, I beg leave to say that for the Sum in question 3395 Star Pag.s being the amount of Embezzlement discovered against Rungapilly, he the dubash gave no duplicate Bill; I beg therefore to Suggest that he be called upon for one.— I am,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Signed Wy Grame apColls

Colarputty
1.st Decem.r 1799.

To Geo. Read
Revenue Accountant

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Accounts from 13.th July to 31.st October 1799 of the Countries of Shattore and Sapattoor and the 6 Pollams sequestered in September last, which are included with the former for the sake of Convenience and Conciseness — although no part of the money due as Peishcush from them, was paid from the 13 July — until the time of their sequestration in September — The Vouchers appertaining thereto are also inclosed, agreeable to the accompanying list of the

the Packet No. 4. - however in the Packet of Vouchers is omitted from the want of the Shattoor Minor Poligars receipts for his allowances - which will be forwarded as soon it comes, but on account of which I think it unnecessary to delay transmitting the Accounts. - I am,

Sir,

Colarputty
1st Decemr 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed H. Y. Grame ap. Colly

Robert Hughes Esqr
Paymaster at Madura. -

Sir; I herewith transmit the Pay and Muster Rolls of the Lascars of Tents for last month. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Ramnad
2d Decemr 1799.

Your most Obedient humble Servt
Signed H. Y. Grame ap. Colly

To Robt. Hughes Esqr
Paymaster at Madura. -

Sir; By delivering the Enclosed Draft to the Madura Akbar Naveez 1050 Cully Chuckrums of your demand of per 7000 Star Pa. made by your letter of the 25 ultimo, will be satisfied; the remainder will be sent to Kytar in a very few days by my Cashkeeper at Ramnad.

Have the goodness to inform me if it be still doubtful whether there may be occasion for the further amount of 5000 Star Ps on account of the 19th Regiment and Bengal Artillery. - I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Colarputty
3 Decemr 1799

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed H. Y. Grame ap. Colly

To Lieut Thos Tichborne
Commanding Naglapore

Sir; The Naglapore Tahsildar has been directed to pay to you the amount of your former and present bills

of Expenditure for the Subsistence of the Prisoners under your Charge the present one amounting to 81 S. P. 37. 40.

I request you will inform me if there be Occasion that I should provide with Rice the Seapoys who have, and others who may come in the Sequestered Countries of Colarputty Cadulgoody and Velayecoompunnay to Receive those belonging to Col Martinzs Corps. — I am;

Sir,

Colarputty
3d. December 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
Signed H. Y. Grame asst Colls

To Mr Geo Read
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

Enclosed is No. 4. belonging to the Packet of Vouchers in the Accounts of the Sequestered Pollam and which I mentioned in my letter of the 1st Instant having omitted to Send. — I am;

Sir,

Colarputty
3d. Decemr 1799.

Your Obedient Servant.
Signed H. Y. Grame asst Colls

To Lieut Bowen
Commanding Adenore

Sir;

The Panjalamcourchy Tahsildar has been directed to pay into your hands 8 Star Pagodas being the amount of the Dooley bill that came inclosed in your letter of the 25th Ultimo. — I am;

Sir,

Colarputty
3d. Decemr 1799.

Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) H. Y. Grame asst Colls

To J. B. Travers Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to forward the usual mon= =thly returns of Troops under the Command of Colol.

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martinz and Captain Dighton for last Month.-

I have the honor to be,

Sir;

Colarputty
4th Decemb 1799.

Your most Obedt humbl Servant
Signed Hy Grame asst Colly

To William Petrie Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In consequence of your Order for Securing the person of the Chedumbrum the late Tasildar of Manapara conveyed in an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit under date the 19th October which was sent to me on the 20th of the same month by the Revenue Assis=
= tant, I took into Confinement his Security an Inhabitant of Ramnad, by the name of Mootoo Camachear Pilly who Says that the Tasildar is at the Presidency; but promises if he be released, to Cause his appearance within two months- As the Security, is said to be a man of no Property - suffi=
= cient to answer the Demand against him; I beg to recom=
= mend that this term be granted him, on Condition that he name a person who will Consent to be responsible for his appearance or in failure of that, for the balance against him at the Expiration of it.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen

Colarputty
5 December 1799.

Your very Obedt humbl Servant
Signed Hy Grame asst Colly

William Petrie Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I herewith transmit two Statements of demands, Collections, and Balance for last month agreeably to the 4 Article of the Revenue Regulations.-

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

Ramnad
5 Decemb
1799

Your Mt Obedient humbl Servant
Signed Hy Grame. asst Colly

T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of Dindigul &c.

Sir,

I do myself the pleasure to send you an account shewing the Established amount of each of the Manapara Poligars Peshcush, and the periods fixed for their payments; and also an account specifying the Balances due by Several of them, on the date of my Cauhud to the Poli=gars informing of the transfer of their Pollams to your charge.— On the balance due by Chedumbrum and which has long been considered desperate, I hope to be able to afford you explanation in a few days— The Man himself (who was appointed Tahsildar to Manapara by Mr. Landon and dismissed for Misconduct which relates to this Balance) is at present in Madras; his Security however I lately took into Confinement, in conse=quence of an intimation from the Board of Revenue, that Mr. Jackson had not received their sanction to the release of the Tahsildar for whom he is Security.- His name is Maotoo Camachiar Pilly and is an inhabitant of Ramnad; his pecuniary Circumstances I understand to be inadequate to the discharge of the money in question; but he promises if he be released to cause the appearance of of Chedumbrum in two months.- I have therefore written to the Board to know if they have any objection that this term shall be granted to him, on condition that he name a person of property, and an inhabitant of Ramnad who will consent to be answerable for his appearance, or the balance, at the Expiration of it.-

I have this day received many of the Mana=para Papers- but those relating to nuttum and which were placed Separately for the purpose of being dispatched earlier than the rest, have been omitted to be Sent. I will therefore detain those, until the nuttum ones arrive - my absence from Ramnad has been the cause of this Considerable delay, although some is allowable for Separation of the Manapara Papers in the Records,

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from those which respect other subjects. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant.

Colarputty
5th December 1799. -

Signed Hy Grame ass Coll

To Mr. George Read

Accountant to the Board of Revenue. -

Sir,

I have now the honor to transmit the Pobyar Peshcush Accounts for October and the quarterly Accounts with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeable to the accompanying List of the Packet - The September and other accounts being at Ramnad, I referred there for information whether and in what month the Sum mentioned in the first Paragraph of your letter of the 14th ultimo, had been Credited or debited - The answer I received which came at the Same time with these Accounts, was, that it had been either credited or debited in the month of September; knowing therefore that if it were so there was no Occasion to debit or Credit this Sum twice as by permitting it to appear in the account of October it would be, I returned these Accounts for alteration to Ramnad; The person who then gave me the answer now acquaints me that there was a mistake made in Copying his letter to me which instead of mentioning that the Sum in question was either credited or Debited Specified that it was neither debited nor credited. -

In the present accounts you will find it to be both debited and Credited. - I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Colarputty
5. December 1799. -

Signed Hy Grame ass Coll

To

To; P: Kinloch Esqr
Assistant Collector at
Tutacoryn

Sir;

The Commanding officer, or in his absence, the Beachmaster, being the proper persons authorized by Government to grant Passports to Travellers passing Tutacoryn there is not in my opinion any necessity for your grant of one to Messrs Peter Breaker Irwin and Johnson.—

I am;
Sir;
Your Obedient Servant
Signed Wy Græme Asst Collr

Colarputty
6th Decemr 1799.

To; Lieut Tichborne
Commanding Naglipore

Sir;

I request you will Send to me here with as little delay as possible the whole of the Naglipore and Panjalamcourchy Prisoners, being desirous of examining Some and releasing others.—

I am;
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Signed Wy Græme Asst Collr

Colarputty
6th December 1799

To Wy Græme Esqr
Assistant Collector

Sir;

I have received your letter of Yesterday. The Sending of the whole of the Panjalamcourchy and Naglipore Prisoners to you at Collarputty would be attended with much inconvenience to the public Service and I Conceive it probable Major Turing might think it requisite that they should be Escorted by an European officer and it is not in my power to leave this Station without his permission, I have therefore forwarded to him Copy of your letter, and of my answer to it, and Requested his instructions

instructions on the Subject.— As you are probably unaware of the great trouble a compliance with your Request would give rise to, I beg leave to Suggest to your Consideration the expedience of your repairing to this place, from whence you are at So inconsiderable a distance, for the purpose of making Such Examinations as you may Judge necessary.— I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Naglipore
7th Decem^r 1799.

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Thos Tichborne L.S.
Comm^r Naglipore

To Lieutenant Bowen
Commanding Adinore

Sir;

I request of you to furnish thirty more Seapoys to the Panjalumcourchy Tapsildar, for his Support in the Collection of the Various descriptions of Revenue arising from the Countries under his Charge.

I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Colarputty
7 December 1799

Your most Obed^t. hum^t Servt.
Signed H.Y Grame ap^t Coll^r

To Lieut Col: Barbett
Commanding Jaffnapatam

Sir;

M^r. Lushington being absent at the Presidency, I have in Consequence been favored today with your letter of the 30. Ultimo.—

I have written to Ramnad for information of the probable number, which that Province can afford – and will acquaint you with it immediately on its receipt; in the mean time I beg to observe that the Inhabitants general aversion to part with their Cattle is likely to be particular at this Season of the year, when they are So much required for Cultivation of their Lands – which without them must remain unproductive; no Exertion however shall be untried

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on my part Short of what can be used in Justice to the distressed inhabitants of the Ramnad Country - and I request you will Specify the description of Cattle required by Mr North, and the purposes for which they are to be Employed that I may judge of the kind that will answer the Service proposed - On this head I wish to be informed particularly, because the Ramnad Cattle, are generally Speaking in a very impoverished Condition. -

I have the honor to be;
Sir;
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wy Grams ap Colly

Colarputty
7th Decemr 1799.

To Lt Wm Elliot
Commanding Palamcottah

Sir;

The Panjalumcourchy Tapsildar has been directed to send to you 51 Cully Chuckrums and 7 Cully fanams being the amount of the Bill for Subsistence of Palamcottah Prisoners which came enclosed in your letter of the 6th Instant just received. - I am;
Sir;
Your Obedient humd Servt
(Signed) Wy Grams ap Colly

Colarputty
8th Decemr 1799.

To Lieut Tichborne
Commanding Naylipore. -

Sir;

I have been duly favoured with your letter of yesterday - having however particular business at this place, your Suggestion for my repairing to Naylipore is very inexpedient to adopt, although my thanks are not the less due to you for it. -

To obviate the inconvenience to the public Service, entrusted to your Execution which is likely to attend your Sending the whole of the Naylipore and Panjalumcourchy Prisoners I beg of you to put in force the following Plan with as little delay

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delay as possible Viz. To dispatch under a proper Escort on the receipt of my letter to this place the nine persons whose names are mentioned in the Paper No 1. and whose presence at Panjalumcourchy is particularly required by the Tapildar with them also a Bramin by the name of Verdia belonging to Colarputty should accompany - and to deliver over to the Naglipore Peshcar by name Mohadeen Cawn, the persons whose names are mentioned in No 2, who has already received instructions for their future disposal. -

The remaining Panjalumcourchy Prisoners I am desirous of releasing, that they may commence without loss of time the Cultivation of their Lands and if therefore you have no objection to the measure, I will send from hence a Sibbundy Escort, for the purpose of bringing them, to which Escort I request your delivery of them, my taking upon myself the responsibility of any one of them escaping, and I venture to say they will attempt nothing of the kind when they are apprized of my intention to grant them their freedom. -

I send you copy of a list given to me of the Prisoners in the Fort of Naglipore - and beg you will tell me if there are any more committed to your charge, than the persons whose names are therein written - you will find no occasion I presume after the release of these Prisoners; for the Rice lately supplied to you by the Naglipore Tapildar - have the goodness therefore to return to him the quantity on hand after furnishing every Prisoner with 2 days Batta for his Subsistence on the road - that he may be enabled to satisfy the inhabitants Demands for it. -

I am,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Signed Hy Grome ap Colly
Lieut

Colarputty
8th December 1799.

List of Peoples belonging to Panjalumcourchy Pollam required by the Tapildar to be Sent to him.—

1 Rummad Pilly	Brother in Law to Soobramony pilly
1 Poolauudaya pilly	Servants of Soobramany pilly
1 Woomagoorovagum pilly	
1 Sooben	Servant of Vurabadra pilly
1 Juggamah	Cottabomanauks Servants
1 Combachy	Peons.—
1 Saddun	
1 Sinaun	
1 Amulalavanny	
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List of Peoples belonging to Nagpore Pollam.—

Soory nauk is called Sriuranga Dora Nauk	2d Carbar..
Siwasangaram pilly	Comicapoly
Siwakannum pilly	Rayosumdar
Mootoopurmaul	Shiroger.—
Ramasawiny naick	Brother in Law to the Poligar
Cosalarama naick	Nephew to the Poligar
Congaya Pilly	Gomastah to Sumperdy
Voornaicken of Vunnyputty	Peon.—

Cadeulgoody

Sawmy nauda pilly	Sumperdy
Armogam	Servant of Poligar for giving bettle & Nutt.—

Colarputty.

Surday	Servant of the Poligar

List of the Peoples belonging to the Panjalamcourchy Pollam requested by the Tapsildar to be released.—

Woomagoorvagum Pilly	Peon of Rummad pilly		
Soobramonyen	Peon	Soobalu mooloo	Peon
Irlapah	do	Choekun	do
Catchala Annan	do	Mootoo Curpa	do
Sooban	do	Ramasamy	do

Vellum	Peon	Challan	Peon
Juggen	do	Vellan	do
Ramavaran	do	Mootian	do
Calundy Velloo	do	Veran	do
Comaren	do	Mootoo Carpen	do
Sungaralingum	do	Condaully	do
Peddann	do	Mootoopun	do
Poonmayen	do	Sookah	do
Tapun	do	Vandel	do
Woodean	do	Ramun	do
Alagapun	do	Mootoo	do
Cuttaboman	do	Boman	do
Mootean	do	Mootoo Comaren	do
Coopa Mootoo	do	Gopaul Naiken	do
Malaindy	do	Canda Cutty	do
Carasttanum	do		
Sonnaun	do		
Vunnaun	do		
Bommayen	do		
Rana Saadda	do		
Comarsamy	do		
Puchanan	do		
Vellayadum	do		
Maraadoo	do		
Mallos Naick	do		
Veranay	do		
Chinna Boman	do		

Sheveghirry

Veranen
Permaul
Ramasamy
Sundandy
Vencatachellum
Ramasawmy

To M^r^ Grœme Esqr
Assistant Collector.–

Sir;

I am just favored with your letter of Yesterday, together with its Several Enclosures. Being in hourly expectation of receiving Major Turing's instructions in regard to your former application for the whole of the Panjalumcourchy and Naglepore Prisoners under my charge to be sent to you at Collarputty and

and which I expect will assist to guide my conduct in re=
=gard to your present request, I defer replying to your letter
until they arrive further than to observe, it will be necessary
in the event of the female Prisoner being removed, that
a conveyance of some description be provided for her, both
on her own account, as well as that of a young Child at pre=
=sent with her. — I have the honor to be,

Sir

Naglipore
9 Decem.r 1799

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Tho.s Tichborne Lt
Comg Naglipore

To; Hy Greme Esqr 110
Assistant Collector

Sir;

Major Turings instructions in regard to sending the whole of the Naglipore and Panjalumcourchy Prisoners to you at Colarpatty which I have just received leaving me at liberty to comply with your request, so far as to forward them to you by Divisions, I have therefore to inform I am ready to put the measure into execution or to dispose of them agreeably to the plan pointed out in your letter of the 8.th instant. There is a considerable difference in the manner of spelling the names of the Prisoners, between the list you have trans=mitted me, and my own, which would have been obviated, if they had been made out from a corresponding Roll of them that I delivered to M.r Lushington — I have however been able to identify them with a few exceptions — To two of those in your list No. 3 Jiggun and Boman, I can find no Names that at all corresponds — and there are three Sangon, Mootoo Sawmy, and Permaul, that do not appear to be mentioned in either of your Enclosures — there are also 3 that were originally committed to my Custody, and noted in your list No. 3 that are no longer at my Command — the 1.st of them died this morning of the Small Pox the 2.d was released by M.r Lushingtons desire the 22.d of September, and the 3.d effected his Escape on the night of the 21.st of October — I have only one Ooniapaukium Pilly

in my list, and he is described as the Servant of Ramnad Pilly —
I am happy to find my suggestion of your repairing to this place
for the purpose of making such examinations as you might
judge necessary, altho inexpedient to adopt, deserving of your
thanks, and whenever the public Service can be Eased of
great inconvenience by my so doing, a Similar recommendation
Shall always be much at your Service. — I decline offering
any objection to your measures in the Responsibility attached
to you and from your official Situation and extensive
Sources of information you must be considered best
qualified to form a correct judgment of the disposition
of the Several Poligars towards the Companys Govern=
=ment and whether or not any danger is likely to arise
from the release of so considerable a number of such disaffected
and desperate Characters as those are at present confined in
this Fort of Naglipore. whatever quantity of Rice may remain
on hand after the Prisoners are removed from under my care,
Shall be returned to the Tupildar as you have desired. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Naglipore
10. Decem^r. 1799.

Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thos. Tichborne Lt
Com. of Naglipore

P.S. I beg your attention to my request to order a convey-
-ance for the accommodation of the female Prisoner and
Child. —

To T. B. Hurdis Esq
Collector of Dindigul &c^a

Sir,

The bearer has charge of the Papers relating
to the Manapara Pollams which he is directed to
deliver to you. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Colarpetty
11th Decem^r. 1799

Your very obedient humble Servt
(Signed) Wy Greme
Ass Collr

To

To T. B. Hurdis Esqr.
Collector of Dindigul &c.

Sir;

Enclosed is Translate and Copy of a letter from the Manapara Akhar Naueez - dated 21st July 99 - with a Genealogical table of the Late Nuttum Poligars family, and addresses from different Inhabitants of the Pollam forwarded at the same time. -

The rest of the Manapara Papers have this day been dispatched by Cooley.

I have the honor to be;
Sir,
Your very Obedient Servant
Signed Wy Grame
asst Collr

Colarputty
11th Decemr 1799.

To Lieut Tichborne
Commanding Naglepore. -

Sir;

I have been favored with your letter of yesterday. -

As the reasons which may have induced you to decline offering positively, have not operated in the like manner in regard to insinuating obliquely, your objection to my measure of releasing the Prisoners in the Fort of Naglepore, I beg to observe that by detaining these people a heavy Expence is incurred in their Subsistence, and that a very Considerable pro=fit is lost to Government, by their not being present to Cultivate their Lands, which without them, must necessarily be unproductive - It does not require that a person should have extensive Sources of information, to be acquainted that people who were so much in favour of their masters, as these Peons were with the Poligars to whom most quantities of ground were destributed in freight for their Services were in fact their own Masters and which otherwise than being obliged to obey any orders given by the Poligar, for making incursions into neighbour=ing Countries, from which they seldom returned. without their profit should prefer the Poligar

Government

Government to that of the Company; but now that their leaders are exterminated, it would be unreasonable to despair of bringing them to a sense of Justice of the Equity and mildness of the Companys management, and able to convince them that their politic Plan is to conduct themselves peacefully, to attend to the Cultivation of their lands, and thus render themselves useful Subjects, for what would it avail them to Evince disaffection to the Company? where have they the means - in money and arms to support it - With the near relations of the late Poligars, the Case might be somewhat different, because they have never been accustomed to labour in the smallest degree for their livelihood, but have ever Existed in idleness and on this account those of them who have been Seized are detained in Confinement - Being Satisfied in Short, that the Companys authority now so firmly Established, is not likely to be injured by the release even of so Considerable a number of what you are pleased to call disaffected and desperate Characters who have been deprived of their warlike weapons, and who have no Resources but from the Company I beg to make repetion of my request that you put in force the Plan proposed in my letter of the 8th Instant.

I had ~~not~~ never unfortunately ~~never~~ possession of the list of Prisoners you delivered to Mr. Lushington, I was ignorant that Mr. Lushington ever released one of those mentioned therein, and I did not Recollect (if you ever told me) the name of the Prisoner who Escaped on the 21st October - These therefore were the causes of the difference between your list, and the one transmitted by me - It appears that instead of Suggen and Boman, the more proper made of Spelling would have been Chokyen and Bomyan - Peermall is written in No. 3. -

Whether or not any names should be omitted or mentioned in my List - I beg that you will send the persons who bear them if they belong to Caujalamcaure by Colarputty Naglepore, or Cabulgoody. -

It seems to me adviseable that the nine persons should be dispatched under your guard, an hour before the rest, whom my Sibbundy Sepoys are sent to Escort hither - a Dooly & four bearers are ready for the Woman & her Child - I am

Colarputty
11th Decem. 1799.

Sir
your Obedt. humble Servt.
Ay Grame asst. Colr.

To Henry Grame Esq
Assistant Collector

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant and as I do not return to Addinore shall communicate your wishes to the Subidar who remains in charge of that place all the regular Seapoys have been removed to Naglipore so that there is only the men of the Tinnevelly Province Battalion with the addition of some more of that Corps from Naglipore.-

I have the honor to be;

Sir;

Tutacoryn
9th Decemb 1799.

Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Hy Bowen

To Hy Grame Esq
Acting Collector.

Sir;

I was favoured with your letter of yesterday early this morning. The Prisoners named in your list No. 1. together with Verdiah Bramin, I have dispatched to you at Colarputty under charge of One Havildar One Naique and 12 Sepoys belonging to the Garrison those mentioned in your 2d List I have delivered to Mohedeen Cawn Peshcar - and the remainder amounting to 54 Prisoners have been committed to the Custody of the Native Officer Sent by you for the purpose of receiving them - five of them being too much indisposed to walk, I made application to the Peshcar for Cots, and Coolies to carry them - The Permaull noted in your list under the head of Shevagherry, corresponds with my Roll, but I have another described as a Panjalamcourchy Peon, which I do not find noticed in either of your Enclosures - he however accompanies the rest - To each of the Men forwarded to you, I have deli=vered two measures of Rice and to the Woman Six Mea=sures, and two Rupees to provide such other necessaries on the Road as she may have Occasion for. The Surplus Rice I am ready to deliver to the Tosildar whenever he may come

come for, or Sends to receive it - Being desirous of bringing every Concern I have relating to the Prisoners has Speedy a Conclusion as possible, I Enclose my bill for their Subsistence for the Elapsed part of the present month I could wish for an immediate orders for its being discharged as I stand much in need of Medical Advice and assistance and propose proceeding to Palamcottah to obtain it as soon as the account is closed I forbear making any observations upon your reasons for releasing the Prisoners as the responsibility of the act (as I before observed) rests with you: not but I am of opinion they might easily be rendered invalid if it was my Province to perform it - I think it proper however to set you right in regard to that part of my last letter in which I spoke of your possessing Extensive Sources of information (and I conceived at the time, I had Expressed myself with tolerable perspecuity - but it seems that I was too Sanguine in that expectation). - The Knowledge to be obtained by being master of those advantages, and which I meant to describe (but in which I was so unsuccessful) was that of the present disposition of the several Chief Poligars, throughout the Tinnevelly Pollams, to the Company's Government - On whose account a considerable force is still kept on foot at a great additional Expence in the Southern countries; and who might if their intentions were hostile, be instantly Joined (after their being set at liberty) by those disaffected and desperate Characters (I con=tinue to use these terms for I well know them to be appropriate) just removed from under my charge. - I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Naglipore
12 Decem^r 1799.

Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thos. Tichborne
Comm^t of Naglipore

P.S. I beg your acknowledgment of the receipt of the 10 Prisoners intrusted to the Havildars guard from hence, and request the Escort may be detained as short a time as con=venience will admit of.

Signed T. T.

TO

To Wm Petrie Esqr
President &ca Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I beg to request your consideration for the request contained in Mr Lushington's letter under date the 13th September for the seizure and delivery of Gopaul Kistnah who it is reported is at Madras. –

I have the honor to be with great respect Gentlemen

Your most Obedt humble Servt
Signed Wy Grame Capt Coll

Colarputty
12th Decemr 1799.

To Lieut Tichborne
Commanding Naglapore. –

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and of the 10 Prisoners entrusted to your Havildars Guard.

I shall not attempt to shew the fallacy of your opinion that my reasons for releasing the Prisoners might be easily rendered invalid, because I have already entered into an explanation of the measure, and because I am ignorant on what grounds such your opinion is founded. It will be sufficient I trust to observe, (now that you have set me right in regard to a certain part of your letter of the 10th Instant) that as the Poligars have been deprived of their forts and arms and have so recently seen such severe examples made to the southward there appears to me little probability of their following that line of conduct which provoked the necessity of them.

In regard to the reasons for which a considerable force is still kept on foot, you of course are the best judge. –

The returning Guard has received 29

28:10:^{ps} to reimburse you in the amount expended as per your bill on account of Prisoners.—

I have the honor to be;

Colarputty
13th Decemr 1799.

Sir;

Your most Obed Servant
(Signed) W. Grame Asst Coll

To William Petrie Esqr
President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

Having given every possible encouragement and every reasonable assistance to the Inhabitants of the Sequestered Countries in the Cultivation of their lands, and perfect Confidence in the Company's protection, power and justice, and having likewise examined the degree of attention with which each Tapildar had acted up to every particular point of the instructions they received from the Collector and issued further Orders for their guidance— I returned to Ramnad yesterday in order to arrange matters requiring to be done at this Season of the year.—

2 Nothing has incurred to intercept the attention of the Inhabitants of the Sequestered Pollams to their Cultivation and therefore the reports of the Collector in regard to the State of these Countries are applicable to their present flourishing Condition — a favorable difference however there is, between its past and present State — in as much as they have improved in proportion to the advance of the Season, and as the prospect of a good Punjeh Harvest before held out is now nearer realization — there is every probability, in short of the Expectations formed, and expressed, by Mr. Lushington in his letters to you, being fully answered.—

3. I have the honor to Enclose Copy of a letter from Lieut Col. Barber dated 30th Ultimo, my reply on the 7th Instant, and a further Letter written to him this day, on the Subject of sending Cattle to the Island of Ceylon. I trust the Circumstances therein stated — will incline you to approve of my having declined immediate Execution of His Excellency Mr. North's Desire on this Occasion — and that you will also

also take into Consideration the distress which deprivation of Cattle at this Critical Season of the year would Occasion to the Inhabitants. –

I have the honor to be with great Respect Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Wy Grame ...

Rammad
16 Decem. 1799

To Lieut. Col Barbett
Commanding Jaffnapatam

Sir

The result of my enquiry since coming to Rammad to justify the observation made in my letter to you of the 7th instant that the Inhabitants general aversion to part with their Cattle, was likely to be particular at this Season of the year for so far from being disposed to give them up willingly they will not sell them at any price whatever; on the Contrary they are always glad of an opportunity to purchase any for the purpose of Cultivation

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of their grounds I shall therefore postpone calling upon the Inhabitants until you shall have informed me of the necessity if there exists any from the nature of the Service his Excellency Mr North might have had in View when he expressed his desire that three thousand head of Cattle Should be taken to Ceylon for having recourse to compulsion and without it nothing can avail in their collection or until I shall have received instructions from the Board of Revenue to whom I have written on the Subject.-

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Obedt. humble Servant

(Signed) Wy Grame actg Collr

Ramnad
16 Decemr. 1799

To Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

There were only a few hundred Pagodas short of the amount necessary to Satisfy your demand for 7000, when most unfortunately our Treasury was broken open last night and the money Stolen the particulars of Theft I intend communicating to the Board of Revenue, I therefore lose not a moment to inform you of my intire enability to make the Smallest advance to you at present, having only Shooly Chuckrums in the Treasury, which cannot be Converted immediately into Cally fanams utmost however shall be done to collect Cally fanams, that if they are not wanted for the Currents, they may Serve for the ensuing month.-

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed Wy Grame actg Collr

Ramnad
17th December 1799

To Mr. Geo Read
Revenue Accountant

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit in compliance with the request Conveyed in your letter of the 30th Ultto. a Statement of all Expences incurred by the Collector of Ramnad, in Support of the late Mysore War - for these however the Collector has been reimbursed by bills

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on the Military Paymaster General, but at the same time that I conjecture that this Statement is unnecessary, yet, not being positively certain I feel confident - that the most sure method of avoiding censure, is to send it.-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, On its first Paragraph you will find explanation given in my letter to you of the 5 Instant; On the Second I have to observe it does not Strike me that the fair copy of the letter to which you allude is dated differently from the day on which it was transmitted; on the contrary, as in a Bill which I have from the Madura Post office Writer - this letter is entered as having been received at Madura on the 2d Instant, and it being dated the first, which is allowing one day for its conveyance from Colarputty to Madura I am the more inclined to believe that it was not so, but that if there were any irregularity, it must have been in that of the Original letter sent to you bearing the wrong date which I hope you will attribute to want of attention for it certainly was not done by design.- I am,

Sir;

Ramnad
17th December 1799

Your Obedient Servant
Signed H.y Grame as Coll.

To John B. Travers
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

The Enclosed copy of a letter from Lieut Col. Barkett under date the 30. Ultimo, and of my reply on the 7th Instant, I find were omitted to be sent in my letter to the Board of Yesterday.-

I am

Sir

Ramnad
17 Decemr. 1799.

Your most Obedt Servt
(Signed) H.y Grame as Collr.

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To William Petrie Esqr.
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen;

It is with sincere regret that I inform you

you the Treasure and two other Boxes of this Station were burst open last night, and money to the no less considerable amount than is 5903 Star Pagadas and 24 fanams Stolen from the Treasury. I have already begun and intend to complete the examination when I shall acquaint you with the particulars of this Robbery — at present the mode in which it was effected is quite a Mystery, and no person can with justice be suspected of the act.—

I have the honor to enclose copy of my letter to Col. Martinz on the Subject and of his reply both of this date.—

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

With the greatest respect

Your very Obed. hum. Servt.

Signed Hy Grame actg Colly

Ramnad
17 Decemr. 1799

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To, Colonel Martinz
Commg. Ramnad.

Sir,

I am concerned to communicate to you a report this moment made to me by my Cash keeper that the Treasure and other two Boxes were found open and not in the State in which he left them last night — On entering the Cutcherry It is my intention to Commence an immediate examina-tion of the business the result of which I shall report in a particular manner to the Board of Revenue as soon as I have obtained full information regarding it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed. hum. Servant

Signed Hy Grame actg Colly

Ramnad
17 December 1799.

To, Lieutenant Tichborne
Commanding Naglipore

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 16th. Instant I do myself the honor to return your list of Prisoners with my receipt annexed thereto. — I am

Sir

Your most Obed. Servant.

Signed Hy Grame actg Colly

Ramnad
18th. December 1799

To; John Kenworthy Esqr
Commercial Resident @ Tinnevelly

Sir;

I had an opportunity at Colarputty to Speak to the Manager of the Etiapore Pollam and though he denied the truth of your Complaint, he promised that any exertions you might make to improve the Companys Commercial Concerns in his Pollam, should never meet with Counteraction from his Master thenceforth I have only to observe that in this promise I believe him to be Sincere

As the Suspicions formerly entertained of the conduct of Mootoo Sawmy Iyer in the time of the Poligar of Naglipore, have not been proved to be sufficiently well grounded to justify my recommendation that punish=ment be inflicted on him, notwithstanding the Tapildar has been deligent in his enquiries about him, and as in my Opinion there has been competent time since his Seizure to make discovery of the mal-practices he was charged with Had he been guilty of them I See no further use in detaining him under my Confinement, it being possible however that he may not yet have Satisfied the demand which you lately had upon him, or that you may trust other Concerns to Settle with him I request to be informed if it be your wish that he should be sent Prisoners to you at Tinnevelly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
Signed Hy Grame Asst Collr

Ramnad
19th December 1799

To Major Robt Turing
Commanding the detachment in the Tinnevelly Province
Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant, with its Several Enclosures - It will be very Satisfactory to me to forward it this day to Mr Lushington, who is now on the Road from Tanjore hither, and whose arrival I expect on the 25. Current.-

As Mr Lushington among other points of his

his Instructions for the reform about to take place, has been desired, after consulting with you, to report the Military force which you and he may think necessary to be stationed in the Tinnevelly Countries - he will no doubt give his opinion to you by and bye as to the necessity of having Sepoys any longer Stationed at Addinore, and as to the reduction of considerable number of Men at Nagalipore but the Rice formerly at Vypar having now been brought here, I can have no hesitation in saying that there will be no further Occasion for a guard of Sepoys to be posted there. -

I have the honor to be;
Sir;
Your most Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) W. Graeme asst. Coll.

Ramnad
21st December 1799.

To Geo: Read Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Poligar Peshcush Accounts for last month together with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeably to the accompanying list of the Packet. -

I have the honor to be;
Sir;
Your most Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) S. Lushington Collr.

Ramnad
25. December 1799

To Geo: Read Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Accounts of Ramnad for last month together with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeably to the Accompanying list of the Packet. -

I have the honor to be;
Sir;
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
(Signed) S. Lushington Collr.

Ramnad
25. December 1799

To Messrs. Vanspalls and Ide
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Your receipts for the allowances granted to you by our Government, not having been included with those of the other dutch Civilians at Tutacoryn for the month of October last, nor transmitted through Capt. Davison to me, I have to request that you will send them individually to Mr. George Read Accountant to the Revenue Board at the Presidency of Fort St. George.—

I have further to request that you will send others in the same manner and to the same Gentleman, for the gratuity to the amount of Ps. 45. allowed by our Government to enable you to travel to the Presidency.—

If you should have already furnished such receipts to Captain Davison it will only be necessary to write the word "Duplicate" upon those now to be delivered to Mr. Read.—

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) S. Lushington Collr.

Ramnad
27th Decemr. 1799.

To Geo. Read Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Accounts of Sequestered Pollams for the month of November 1799 together with the Vouchers appertaining thereto agreeably to the accompanying List of the Packet.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) S. Lushington Collr.

Ramnad
30th December 1799

To Geo: Read Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue :-

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Sir;

I herewith transmit Estimate of my probable receipts and disbursements for the Ensuing month ; - Shewing the balance of Cash Actually on hand this day.

I have the honor to be ;

Sir;

Your most obedient humb: Servant
Signed S: Lushington Collr.

Ramnad
31st December 1799.

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31st December 1799. -